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Kevin Keegan and
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**STAR 'KEEPERS
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I WAS lucky my greatest save came in the most important match United have ever played so far — the 1968 European Cup Final against Benfica at Wembley.

It was a humdinger of a game and the score was 1-1 with just about four or five minutes left to play. We were taking a real hammering as the Portuguese tried desperately to snatch a late winner and I'd already had plenty of anxious moments.

Then one of their midfield men hit a superb ball through our defence into the area and, for the

'I ROBBED THE BLACK PANTHER'

only time in the match, the great Eusebio gave Nobby Stiles the slip and was on to it in a flash.

I came out as fast as I could, but the Wembley turf had slowed the ball down and he reached it long before me. I felt sure he was going to chip it over me, and my heart really sank.

Then he suddenly pushed it forward and I realised immediately he was going to blast it instead. He did — straight to my left.

I dived the right way and caught it by my chest. But, for a split-second, I feared it was going to rebound off me straight to him again.

I managed to hold it, though, and

MAGIC AND

ALEX STEPNEY

Manchester Utd.



the danger was over. And, of course, we ran rings round them in extra-time to win 4-1. Actually, it was only after the game the realisation of the importance of the save sank in — both to me and the rest of the United lads.

But I must admit whenever I see film of the match I think Eusebio should have done more with the chance.



Alex Stepney (left) with the European Cup. An incredible save in normal time helped United to win the top club trophy.

'PAT JENNINGS SCORED AGAINST ME'

THE daftest goal I've ever given away was in the Charity Shield clash with Spurs at Old Trafford in 1967 — when Pat Jennings scored against me!

Pat punted the ball upfield from the edge of his box and Bill Foulkes and myself were waiting for it and Alan Gilzean was racing in to challenge us both.

I moved over to cover Gilly and had reached my six-yard line when the ball landed and hit a divot in the rain-soaked pitch. It just flew up and the next thing I knew it was in the back of the net.

I still can't really explain how it happened, and, quite honestly couldn't believe my eyes. I put it all down to the heavy rain!

'MY SAVE WON PROMOTION'

THE save which gave me greatest pleasure stunned Roker Park back in May, 1963, when Sunderland and Chelsea met in a white-hot promotion battle in the Second Division.

You could not have imagined a more tense match. Stoke were already assured of promotion and Sunderland had only to draw to go up with them.

But we needed to win at Roker and then beat Portsmouth in our last game at Stamford Bridge to edge into second place — and, remember, there were only two promotion places then.

We really turned it on and were leading by the only goal when Sunderland, roared on by their fanatical fans, got a chance in the closing stages.

George Mulhall came in fast from the left-wing and drove hard and true for goal — but somehow I dived across the goal and got a hand to it to turn it away.

It was so close my wife tells me she remembers the radio commentator screaming, "It's a goal!" when George unleashed his shot. But it wasn't — and we held out to win. Then we routed Pompey 7-0 to pip Sunderland on, wait for it, goal-average!

I suppose you could say my save won promotion!

'I FORGOT THE GOLDEN RULE'

FUNNILY enough, the goal which has always embarrassed me most came in the same season in a night match against Leeds at Stamford Bridge.

Obviously, they were not then the mighty Leeds everyone now knows, but they were still a good side and gave us a hard game to get a draw. Yet it was my boob which gave them the point.

I cannot even remember who the scorer was. I just recall a half-hearted lob from quite a way out, which I should have gathered easily.

I went up for it and caught it okay, but then disaster struck. The ball just slipped through my hands

PETER BONETTI

Chelsea



Peter Bonetti catches the ball cleanly. But in a similar situation v Leeds he let it slip from his hands into the net.

and trickled over my body into the gaping goal.

Frankly, the only explanation I can give is I forgot the golden rule for all goalkeepers... NEVER TAKE YOUR EYE OFF THE BALL.

MISERY

GOALKEEPERS are the men who earn the cheers when they make glory saves ... and the jeers when they drop a clanger and "let in" an easy goal. Just what does it feel like to hear the crowd roaring as you pull off a magnificent save — and then laughing when you drop a costly clanger? Four top 'keepers recall their best and worst moments ...

'THE SPOT-KICK I STOPPED'

I'VE MADE two saves I really treasure and, quite honestly, I just can't decide which is the best. Anyhow, read on and see what you think.

Save Number One came at Bramall Lane against Wolves last season. I was at the near post for a corner and their big centre-half Frank Munro got in a back-header right at the far post.

It had "goal" written all over it, because it was really travelling.

I launched myself across the face of the goal and just managed to turn it around the post. You should have seen poor Frank's face — he just couldn't believe his super header hadn't beaten me and flashed into the net. And I found it difficult, too!

Save Number Two was in the opening game at home this season

JIM BROWN

Sheffield Utd.



when we draw with League Champions Derby County. They got a penalty and Bruce Rioch — who has one of the hardest shots in football — stepped up to take it.

He hit it low and true to my left side, but I saved it ... and it gave me pleasure because I had studied Bruce taking spot-kicks when we were both with the Scotland international squad.

'WHY I MISSED THAT EASY CATCH ...'

MY BIGGEST error just had to happen when the "Match of the Day" cameras were around.

We were playing West Ham last season. They got a corner and the ball finished up on the edge of the box with everyone running out after it.

Billy Jennings tried an acrobatic overhead kick and the ball just flew up into the air. It looked

ed an easy catch for me.

But, as I jumped to gather the ball, I spotted the linesman raising his flag for something and, for a fatal second, I took my eye off the ball.

The ref over-ruled the linesman and waved play on ... and the ball hit me on the hand and shoulder and bounced off into the net.

It really was a silly goal to lose and I felt terrible about it.



A good goal from West Ham's Bill Jennings. But in the return match at Bramall Lane Jim Brown let in a softie from the same player.

'MY FINEST SAVE—YET WE LOST THE CUP'

MY GREATEST save came in the League Cup Final against Villa at Wembley last season. But, strangely enough, it cost Norwich the Cup!

The score was 0-0 with about seven minutes left when Villa got a penalty. Facing a spot-kick in a Wembley Cup Final, especially when the score is level and there is so little time left, is a heck of an experience for any 'keeper, I can tell you!

Ray Graydon, who packs a terrific shot, stepped up to take it and everyone in the stadium held his breath.

He hit it high and true to the top right-hand corner ... but I had guessed his intentions and flew through the air to reach it.

So far so good ... then disaster! I could only push the ball away and it smacked straight into the inside of

KEVIN KEELAN

Norwich City



the post and flew out again to my left.

I was trying to dive back as Ray, with plenty of time, stuck home the rebound. It really was unlucky because I had actually saved the shot — it was the angle at which it hit the post which sank me. Also, if it had stayed out there would probably have been extra-time and we might have won.



A magnificent save from Kevin Keelan turns sour on him as Ray Graydon rams home an off-the-post rebound.

'RED FACE ON MY DEBUT'

THE silliest goal I have given away so far also happened on a "red-letter day" — my debut for Norwich back in 1963. It gave me a red face, all right.

We were playing Cardiff at Ninian Park and they still had the legendary John Charles playing for them.

Cardiff won a free-kick inside their box and big John took it. He thundered it upfield — all of 75 yards — and I went out to meet it

quietly confident I'd do it.

Then the ball hit a divot in front of me and bounced over me into goal before I really knew what was happening.

I can remember thinking as I picked it out of the net: "What a way to start your career with a club — you might as well pack up if this is going to happen."

Cardiff won 2-1, and the only lucky thing for me was my "gift" WASN'T their winner!

Fitness fanatic

GOALKEEPER John Burridge used to enjoy the bright lights of Blackpool — until Bob Stokoe took him on one side and told him he was being a fool to himself.

Now the former Blackpool star, who is turning in some brilliant displays for Aston Villa since his £100,000 move, is a fitness fanatic.

John is a non-smoker and allows himself just one pint of Guinness a week.

He explains: "I sincerely believe a player has to be completely dedicated in this game to get to the top. I have already proved this kind of dedication pays off because I am now with one of the best clubs in the country."

ALTHOUGH there are several cases on record of a team's full-backs both scoring in the same match, it does not often happen they score in the last two minutes as Irving Natrass and Alan Kennedy did for Newcastle against Middlesbrough.

But Swindon's John Trollope will recall a similar instance in April, 1966, when at Mansfield he netted an 89th minute goal which was followed by another from his partner Owen Dawson to complete a 5-1 victory.



NEWS DESK

Compiled by **PETER STEWART**

PROFIT SHARING

EIGHT Northern clubs are discussing a pre-season competition which could net £24,000.

That is the figure Halifax Town chairman Percy Albon reckons his scheme will earn if it is agreed by his own board and those of Barnsley, Bradford City, Doncaster, Huddersfield, Rochdale, Rotherham and Sheffield Wednesday.

The eight teams would operate a League, each playing four matches in the fortnight before the League season starts.

"Millwall, Gillingham, Crystal Palace and Charlton ran one last summer and collected £3,000 each out of it," says Mr. Albon. "I reckon we could do just as well."

AMBY Fogarty, the former Sunderland and Eire forward, has been sacked as manager of Athlone Town... just three months after the club had tasted European Cup glory against A.C. Milan.

Apparently, the board of directors took exception to Fogarty's statement that he intended to quit as boss at the end of the season.

● Linfield's midfield star Davy Graham is not far from the crowd when he's not playing. Davy is also manager of a busy supermarket.

SCOTLAND have at last settled their Home Championship row with Wales. The countries were due to meet at Hampden on May 12th — but a new date had to be found after Scotland had won the right to stage the European Cup Final on the same ground on the same night.

The Welsh were unhappy with the situation and thought Scotland shouldn't have accepted the European Cup Final.

After lengthy discussions — in which Scotland at one stage said they would relinquish home advantage — the two countries reached agreement.

The new date is Thursday, May 6th.

MARK'S SECRET

MARK Wallington (below) the brilliant young Leicester goalkeeper, has had a skin complaint for most of the season which has prevented him training daily at Filbert Street.

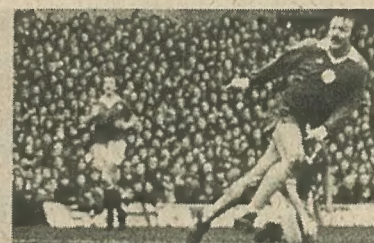
This restriction has not prevented him playing and in fact he has been one of Leicester's most consistent players this term.

He has, however, put on a little weight but manager Jimmy Bloomfield feels this particular problem will be rectified once the former Walsall 'keeper is back in regular training.

The amazing aspect of the Wallington case is Leicester were able to keep it a secret for so long.



CUP RUN HASN'T SOLVED POSH'S MONEY PROBLEM



HOW far does a referee run in a match? Just under six miles, according to a test carried out by Scotland's F.I.F.A. referee John Paterson.

John handled the New Year's Day Hibs/Hearts clash with a pedometer strapped to his leg as part of a charity fund-raising exercise.

He covered exactly 5.97 miles — and commented: "I thought it would have been much nearer to nine miles."

WHEN local-born Billy Eames was drafted into the Portsmouth League side earlier this season, soon after his promotion to full professional status, he could never have dreamed of what was to follow.

On January 3rd, he scored the goal that took Pompey to a Third Round F.A. Cup replay at Birmingham, where they won.

The following Saturday, 18-year-old Billy scored the only and winning goal against Carlisle at Fratton Park. It was Pompey's first home win of the season.

YILMAZ Orhan, the 21-year-old Nicosia-born striker who burst on the First Division scene with West Ham this season, is fascinated by speed.

He loves fast cars. "I'm really keen on them," he says, "and I wouldn't mind being a racing driver."

But The Hammers, will no doubt be all out to ensure he restricts his fast-moving to the pitch.

"He is strong, has pace and can use the ball intelligently," says manager John Lyall.

Formerly with Essex club Aveyly, he played for their amateur team in a Cup Final. Yilmaz has been helped a lot by his father.

Mustafa Orhan. ● There's talk of an England v. Republic of Ireland international at Wembley on Wednesday, September 8th.

ONCE CELTIC STARS—now soccer bosses

IF you want to become a soccer boss in Scotland play for Celtic. Here's a list of present managers who were once with the famous Glasgow club.

At Parkhead at the moment is Jock Stein and his assistant Sean Fallon, both of whom played for the club.

Bertie Auld (Partick Thistle), Willie Fernie (Kilmarnock), Frank Connor (Cowdenbeath), Mike Jackson (Queen of the South), John Hughes (Stranraer) and Eric Smith (Hamilton) are all former Celts now managing Scottish clubs.

The Celtic influence has worked in England, too. Tommy Docherty (Manchester United), Jimmy Sirrel (Sheffield United) are ex-Celtic stars. And don't forget Bobby Collins (ex-Huddersfield) was another Parkhead favourite.

SPURS goalkeeper Pat Jennings swops playful punches with light-middleweight boxer Tony Poole. Pat was guest of honour at a recent boxing match at the Anglo-American Sporting Club in London, where Poole was fighting.



SHAMROCK Rovers' player-manager Mick Meagan, the former Everton, Huddersfield and Republic of Ireland defender, made Irish soccer history when he lined-up with his son Mark in an F.A.I. Cup-tie against St. Patrick's Athletic.

The Meagans, however, finished on the losing side after a replay. St. Patrick's won 3-1, with former Chelsea star Barry Bridges getting one of the winning goals.

LEEDS United's coach Don Howe is full of praise for one of the young prospects at his old club Arsenal.

Don, who coached The Gunners to the "Double" before going to West Brom as manager, rates centre-half Dave O'Leary as one of the discoveries of the season.

Says Don: "Dave is good in the air and a nice composed player. He is steady for a centre-half, makes few mistakes and uses the ball well. While looking at other clubs this season he has been the one youngster to really impress me."

DON'T expect Peterborough to agree with the suggestion that a good F.A. Cup run leaves the smaller clubs much richer.

For soon after Posh had beaten Nottingham Forest in a Third Round replay and had that dream trip to Manchester United (John Cozens scores their only goal, left), club chairman Geoffrey Woodcock made it clear that all is far from well with Peterborough's finances.

"The two games with Forest and the trip to Old Trafford earned us around £25,000," explained Mr. Woodcock, "but that is just a drop in the ocean."

"We are over £100,000 in the red and losing £700 a week through the gate. Money raised from other ventures cuts that loss to about

£200 a week.

"Naturally we are under some pressure from the bank and if any other business showed losses like football they would not be given borrowing facilities."

"But the money that Cup run brought earned us some goodwill at the bank and we are optimistic about the future."

"We have a marvellous management team in Noel Cantwell and his coach John Barnwell and the fine players we have at London Road should soon carry us into the Second Division."

CASH FOOTNOTE: When Noel Cantwell agreed to pay Brighton £6,000 for defender Jim Walker he appealed for help from the club's fans to raise the money.



OXFORD United's Colin Clarke (left), Mick Lowe (centre) and former teammate who recently joined Brentford Andy McCulloch have bought this horse between them. It's trained and stabled near Wantage.

Said Andy: "Colin has always been a big racing fan. Mick and I have always liked the horses, but never bet on them, so we took a bit of persuading into the deal. "We race in blue and white and hope to have our first outing next month."

● Manchester United midfielder Gerry Daly (21) has a ring round June 5th on his calendar.

That day, he'll return to Dublin to marry 23-year-old secretary Sheila Farrell.

Will History Be Repeated?

IN 1974 Manchester City's final League game was with Luton Town — who were relegated.

City will bring this season to an end with a match at Maine Road against Arsenal.

Will history repeat itself? Not the way The Gunners have been playing recently.

If you do believe in such omens you might be interested to see what happens in Derby County's last match of the season should they finish on top of the First Division.

Last term when they were Champions their final game was against Carlisle United — who were relegated.

Or, of course, it may be Liverpool. Champions in 1973, they wound up that season v. West Brom — who were relegated!

● See our feature on pages 26-27.

ON the look-out for part-time soccer probably with a non-League club, is one of the three Worthington brothers.

Bob, 28, has returned to his native Yorkshire after cancelling his contract with Southend.

He is a defender with a background of more than 270 League appearances for Halifax, Middlesbrough, Notts County, Southend and on loan to Hartlepool.

NORTHAMPTON manager Bill Dodgin has not been afraid to ring the changes as he bids to carry the club out of the Fourth Division this season.

Dodgin, whose team are red-hot favourites for promotion, pulled a master stroke by converting tiny striker Billy Best to central defender — with huge success.

And Don Martin has been used as striker, midfield man and defender in Northampton's exciting surge.

Dodgin has put together such a fine side that locals are talking about a repeat of the heady days of ten years ago when The Cobblers rocked football by sweeping from the Fourth to First Division in double-quick time.

GEOFF Hurst, holder of F.A. Cup and World Cup winners' medals, is now on the trail of an F.A.I. Cup medal with Cork Celtic.

Hurst played a major role in Celtic's 3-0 win over Cup favourites Dundalk in the Second Round.

Next season, after a spell with American club Seattle, Geoff takes over as player-manager of Southern League side Telford United.

He will also be employed by the Telford Development Corporation to coach local schools.

They couldn't have chosen a better tutor.

SIMS BOOST

AS the Second Division promotion hopefuls prepare for the make-or-break part of the season, Notts County boss Ron Fenton could well be making his first season in the "hot-seat" a highly successful one.

Fenton, who took over as manager in October when Jimmy Sirrel left for Sheffield United, signed John Sims from Derby for £10,000 in December, and believes County can now clinch one of the three promotion places at the end of the term.

County have always been noted for their defensive qualities.

Andy Nelson, manager of Second Division rivals Charlton, says: "They have the best central defence in the Division with back-four men David Needham and Brian Stubbs and goalkeeper Eric McManus."

Needham, ten years at Meadow Lane, and Stubbs, eight years, have built up a marvellous understanding, while McManus, a free transfer flop at Coventry in 1972, has been giving many terrific displays.

New Blades

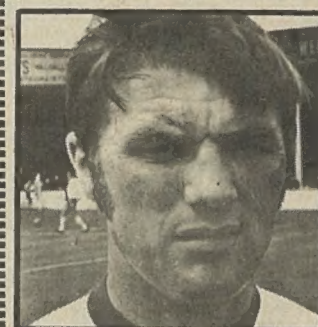
JIMMY Sirrel, who took over as Sheffield United manager last October, hasn't been able to stop the club's disastrous slide towards relegation, but he has certainly unearthed some outstanding youngsters.

He brought in teenage winger John McGeady when the Scot was still an apprentice and then made full-back Paul Garner, a relatively inexperienced defender, skipper when England midfielder Tony Currie was forced out of the side with a groin strain.

Garner, a 20-year-old former England Youth international, only went on loan from Huddersfield last November and was signed by the Bramall Lane club a month later.

He first led United in a 2-0 County Cup defeat in early February, but followed that up with the 2-1 success over Aston Villa. And that was The Blades' first win in 22 League and Cup games.

Sirrel commented afterwards: "He's the sort you would want to be at sea with — he would always get you back to port."



WHAT a comeback... John Manning made a dramatic return to Football League soccer when he scored a hat-trick for Crewe in a 4-1 home win over Stockport.

It was his first League game since quitting Barnsley 18 months previously.

Now coach at Crewe, John was recalled by manager Harry Gregg after the Fourth Division side had scored only twice in their previous seven matches.

John, who played for Tranmere, Shrewsbury, Norwich City, Bolton, Walsall, Crewe and Barnsley before taking up the coaching appointment said: "It was nice to get back in action again. I really enjoyed scoring those three goals."



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Soccer tragedy

A friend at work, a former Southampton player, tells me that before the War a Sunderland goalkeeper died after being accidentally kicked during a game. I've been a Sunderland supporter all my life, but have never heard anything of this tragedy. Have you?

W. WINTER, SOUTHAMPTON.

● Yes, I have. His name was Jimmy Thorpe, and he died a few days after receiving severe internal injuries in a First Division game against Chelsea on 1st February, 1936.

The actual cause of death was, in fact, due to diabetes; but a coroner's jury found the degree of the illness had been accentuated by the injuries he received. They also found not the slightest blame attached to the actions of any player.

Successful Chelsea

Can you tell me all the main honours Chelsea have ever won?

RICHARD SIMON, LONDON, N.8.

● Since they were founded in 1905, Richard, Chelsea have only won four "big uns" — the League Championship in 1954-55, the League Cup in 1964-65, the F.A. Cup in 1969-70, and the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1970-71.

They've also been beaten Finalists in the F.A. Cup in 1914-15 and 1966-67 and in the League Cup in 1971-72.

United's top striker

Which player has scored the most League goals for Manchester United in a single season, and in a whole career?

PATRICK BATES, Co. MONAGHAN.

● Dennis Violett is the seasonal "winner" there, Patrick — he scored 32 goals in his 36 First Division games in 1959-60.

But Bobby Charlton's 198 (in 606 League games) is United's best aggregate record.

No goals record

Can you tell me which Football League club has gone the longest period of games without scoring a single goal?

GAVIN OATES, AUSTRALIA.

● As far as can be traced, Gavin — and it would take quite a bit of beating! — Coventry are the holders of that dubious distinction.

After losing 1-2 at home to Leicester on 4th October, 1919, they didn't score another League goal in 11 games until they beat Stoke 3-2 in another home game on Christmas Day that year.

Two other items on this score (or lack of it!). In 1923-24, Exeter set up an unwelcome Football League record by playing 14 successive away games without scoring; and, in 1971-72, Mansfield failed to score in their first nine home games of the season.

Rare sight

Were Ron and Paul Futchers last season the only twins ever to play together in the same English First Division side?

MARTIN HOGAN, LUTON.

● It's a pretty rare sight, of course, Martin — but the Futchers certainly weren't the first.

In Queens Park Rangers' First Division season of 1968-69, for instance, their Morgan twins — Roger and Ian — played 25 and 32 League games respectively.

Danny's total

Can you tell me how many League games Danny Blanchflower played?

ANDREW KNAPMAN, TORQUAY.

● Starting off with one single game for Barnsley in the 1948-49 season, Andrew, Blanchflower totted-up 553 all told.

He played another 78 for Barnsley before, in 1951, playing the first of his 137 for Aston Villa.

Moving on to Spurs in 1954, there were another 337 League games to his name before hanging up his boots ten years later.

Danny — skipper of Tottenham's famous "Double" winning side of 1960-61 — also played in 56 full internationals for Northern Ireland.

Happy birthday

Could you tell me if I share my birthday with any famous stars? It's 30th December.

RICHARD SPENCE, Co. ANTRIM.

● Yes, you do, Richard — and, what's more, two players who've each won a World Cup-winners' medal.

They are Gordon Banks, England's goalkeeper in the 1966 Final; and Bert Vogts, the West German defender of 1974.

SHORT PASSES

● Howard Kendall played 104 League games for Preston, and 230 for Everton, before joining Birmingham on 14th February, 1974.

(**CARL WILLIAMS, Oldbury**)

● Notts County, founded in 1862, are the oldest existing Football League club.

(**ROBERT HINDSON, Penrith**)

● Allan Clarke scored 12 goals in 36 League games for Leicester before joining Leeds in June, 1969.

(**MELVIN BATT, Bristol**)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

THE international scene gets going again next Wednesday (March 24th) after a four-month "close-season" when England meet Wales at Wrexham in a centenary friendly.

A friendly it may be, but this is hardly a suitable way to describe the match.

Both sides will want to win more than ever ... Wales, to underline their position as European Championship Quarter-Finalists and England, eager to make up for previous disappointments this season.

Despite the criticism levelled at us, I don't think our record is bad.

Our last game was a 1-1 draw in Portugal, a very creditable result yet many people considered it a defeat because it was our last game in the European Championship.

Don Revie has had just one defeat in his season-and-a-half career as England's manager.

I'll repeat what I've said before — losing in Czechoslovakia was not a disaster. Our failure to score



'Where Wales

goals against Portugal at Wembley and Cyprus in Limassol let us down.

While I'm not going to dwell too much on the past, it is important to learn from mistakes.

A lot of people feel England must improve up-front if we are to make a serious World Cup challenge.

It is almost contradictory, but we have some first-class strikers — Mike Channon and Kevin Keegan have been in superb form for Southampton and Liverpool.

There's the rub, though ... club football and international soccer are completely different.

Why has Kevin been so impressive lately? Because his partner up-front John Toshack has played better than ever.

Tosh will be lining up against Kevin on Wednesday, most likely, and they will miss each other's service.

It is difficult to create this sort of club understanding at international level when players have different team-mates.

The constant changes in our line-up caused through experimenting has meant I've had different midfielders alongside me each game.

This is where Wales have an advantage. Manager Mike Smith has a smaller choice of players so they have been able to build up what is almost a club understanding.

It is not necessarily the quality of individuals that makes a team great — it is how they play together as a unit that counts.

Wales have players who would probably not get into other teams. Yet they do a fine job for their country.

High Regard

They help to make the right blend, which is what really matters.

I think the reason behind Wales' success is the team has changed very little over the past two or three years. A nucleus of players has remained and they have helped to keep the rhythm going.

I have a high regard for John Mahoney. I voted for the Stoke City schemer in the Players' Player of the Year competition ... he hasn't had the recognition his skills deserve.

John sees situations very early and makes full advantage of this



ABOVE . . . "John Mahoney (right) does not get the recognition his midfield skills deserve. I chose the Stoke City star as my Player of the Year."

know about the game.

Terry does a good job winning the ball in the middle of the park and I can't recall him letting Leeds down.

Brian Flynn is what I call a "buzzer". He's here, there and everywhere and likes to play a lot of short balls and quick one-twos.

As I said, Toshack is having a good season, hitting goals regularly, yet without Kevin alongside may not be quite so lethal.

In the Welsh defence, I could face my former Q.P.R. team-mate Ian Evans, now captain of Crystal Palace, of course.

Ian's done extremely well since going to Selhurst Park and won his first cap against Austria earlier this season.

Wales will provide a stiff test for England in front of what I'm told will be a capacity crowd.

For once, Wales will not be the underdogs . . . a position which has favoured them in the past as it

LEFT . . . Brian Flynn — the 'buzzer' of Wales.

Our first qualifying tie is in June against Finland, which is THE match we must win. If we lose the next few games and win in Helsinki I shan't mind too much!

Before Wrexham, I have a date at the Victoria Ground where Rangers meet Stoke City.

I missed the game at Loftus Road when we won 3-2. From my seat in the stands, I thought the scoreline flattered Stoke — we were two or three goals better.

Despite having some talented individuals, Stoke haven't shown the sort of consistency that wins major honours.

Even so, our record up there is not very good and with so much at stake this season, I'm looking for a better return.

Until next week,

Gerry Francis

beat England...'

my side
of soccer
**GERRY
FRANCIS**



vision.

He takes players on and a lot of his work goes unnoticed by spectators.

With skipper Terry Yorath and Burnley's Brian Flynn, he forms a middle-three that is first-rate.

I was surprised to read that some Leeds fans get on Terry's back. It shows how little they

puts pressure on their opponents.

I know what this is like — England are expected to win just about every game, home or away. We're never the underdogs!

Don Revie will, I'm sure, soon stop experimenting . . . he must be near forming the basis of a squad he hopes can take us through the World Cup.



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MIKE CHANNON is the most wanted man in Britain. It's not the police who are after the Southampton and England striker, but scouts and managers of clubs all over the British Isles, the Continent and even United States.

Channon is hot property and if he becomes available for a transfer, Southampton, and, of course, Mike himself, can virtually name any price they fancy and sit back when the rush starts.

That's the situation you have when you've got a player of Channon's ability and class on your books. And even though Southampton are still a Second Division club, the lower class has done little this season to dim the brightness of Mike Channon.

Surprised? Many critics are. When Saints thrashed Johnny Giles' West Bromwich Albion side 4-0 in an F.A. Cup Fifth Round replay at The Dell a few weeks ago, an army of critics and scouts marvelled at Channon's hat-trick.

How could a man so talented remain so good when he has to

will not decide anything or even think about it until then. At the moment, we are having a good run and things are going well. But I will sort it all out when my contract expires."

What sort of a term has it been for Channon? "Frankly, I've been happy with my form," he says. "It's been a super season for me because I've scored goals regularly; played for England regularly and the club has had a great run in the F.A. Cup."

"Right now, I'm looking forward to my first-ever Semi-Final appearance in the competition and can't wait to take on Malcolm Allison's Crystal Palace. Obviously I must be very confident about winning and going on to Wembley."

"Also, we're in the running for promotion so I can't complain. Some players have had hardly anything to play for from as far back as January. It hasn't been the case at all for me at Southampton."

"I believe there are two categories of sides in Division Two. Some are negative perhaps, play it very tight and are hard to overcome

MIKE CHANNON

The most wanted man in Britain

contend with poorer standards and tougher, more rugged marking in a lower Division?

Channon, himself, has no doubts. "People seem surprised I can still play well and find my best form in the Second Division," he says. "But quite honestly, I'm not. I believe people have been underestimating the Second Division for years. There are some good sides in Division Two at the moment although people continue to say it's a weak League this term, one you have to kick your way out of."

"I think all that talk is a lot of rubbish. There are some class players, and people who watch football should realise there's more to life than the 'names' of the First. I've seen some extremely talented players this season and it's certainly not a poor man's League in my book."

Channon's availability for transfer will almost certainly be decided within the next few weeks. If Southampton maintain their challenge for a promotion place back into Division One, the England man will be almost certain to stay. If, however, Saints don't go up this year, it's doubtful whether Mike will spend another season at The Dell.

Will he move? All Channon will say at the moment is: "My position has not changed. My contract runs out at the end of the season and I

and others play more attacking, bright football."

"I'd put sides like Sunderland and ourselves in the latter category with teams like Bolton and Notts County in the first group. Then, Bristol City are something else besides those two groups."

"Bolton aren't necessarily a better side than Sunderland but I think they're better organised. They go to get results and play it tight. The Second Division, overall, is terribly hard to play in and no one should underestimate it."

"It's as hard if not harder than the First. I'd say that without hesitation. And although there might be more skilful players in the top Division, there isn't the organisation among sides that there is in the Second."

There are those critics who still doubt whether country-loving Channon will ever leave the Hampshire farm, which he enjoys so much, to the big city life... irrespective of the fee.

But whatever happens, all will probably be known by this summer, if not by the end of the season. But if Saints manager Lawrie McMenemy gets his wish, Southampton — and Mike Channon — will be lining-up against First Division opposition when the 1976-77 season kicks-off in August.



WALES THEN AND NOW



WHEN Wales play England at Wrexham next Wednesday, they will be wearing their new-look strip ... no doubt designed for Welsh success during the Seventies.

A far cry from the look of yesteryear, as our picture shows. Stoke City's midfield dynamo John Mahoney proudly displays Wales' new gear, while Wrexham schemer Arfon Griffiths turns the clock back a few dozen years.

Just as the strip is more modern, Wales have a bright future.

European Championship Quarter-Finalists, Wales have shown that they are capable of taking on and beating the best.

In their present mood, Wales must be favourites to beat England next week.

● Our thanks to Gola, Admiral and the Welsh F.A. for their help in making this picture possible.

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EX-BRAZIL team-captain Mario Marinho — real name Mario Perez Ulibarri — has just arrived back in his native Brazil after two years of mixed fortunes with Barcelona's star-studded line-up.

SHOOT/GOAL: Was it a mistake for you to go to Spain?

MARINHO: No, definitely not. I went with the idea of doing well in Europe, and last season, under Rinus Michels, I had a good start. It wasn't a perfect ending because Barcelona didn't win anything, but I worked hard to adapt my game and I learned a lot about European football.

SHOOT/GOAL: Was the arrival of Hennes Weisweiler the turning point?

MARINHO: Yes. He immediately set about changing the team's style of play, putting the emphasis on strength and speed. He said my style didn't fit in with his plans and dropped me. I respected his opinion, but naturally wanted to play rather than sit on the sidelines. So, eventually, I had to ask for a move.

SHOOT/GOAL: How many times

earned more by joining one of the four Spanish clubs that made offers for you. Why did you choose to leave?

MARINHO: Well, Spain's regulations mean that I wouldn't have been able to play for another Spanish club this season — and I didn't like the thought of being out of action until next September. There was also a possibility I might have been called up to do Spanish military service — which would have meant even more time out of the game. So, all in all, I thought it would be better to go back to Brazil where the new season is about to start.

SHOOT/GOAL: Did you ever argue with Weisweiler?

MARINHO: Certainly not. He explained to me that I didn't fit in with his plans and although I disagreed with him I accepted his

'GOING BACK TO BRAZIL MEANS A DROP IN SALARY'



THIS WEEK

MARIO MARINHO Brazil and Porto Alegre

have you played this season?

MARINHO: Only two games — plus coming on as substitute at San Sebastian against Real Sociedad.

SHOOT/GOAL: That's very little football for a player of international status. Have your prestige and form suffered because of your spell of inactivity?

MARINHO: I don't think my prestige has suffered too much because Barcelona received nine offers for me before I was put on the transfer list. As for my form — well, Porto Alegre fans will have to judge that when the season begins.

SHOOT/GOAL: Are you sorry to leave Barcelona or glad to get away?

MARINHO: A bit of both. I'm sorry to leave because Barcelona is a great club. I'm also leaving behind many good friends — particularly Johan Neeskens — who I'll miss. On the other hand I'm glad about the move because it means I can play regular football again.

SHOOT/GOAL: Financially, is your move back to Brazil a profitable one?

MARINHO: Definitely not. Barcelona pay three times as much as Brazilian clubs. I shall be earning a lot less in Porto Alegre.

SHOOT/GOAL: You could have

decision. I've never liked creating scenes within a club, and I don't want to start now.

SHOOT/GOAL: Do you think you'll ever return to European football?

MARINHO: I don't know. I shall be back in Spain later in the year to play in some summer tournaments with Porto Alegre, but for the moment I'm more concerned with re-adapting to Brazilian football and getting back into action.

SHOOT/GOAL: Is there a big difference between Spanish and Brazilian football?

MARINHO: It depends. I think the European game is faster, but Spain is like a crossroads between European and South American football. Some Spanish sides — Real Zaragoza, Las Palmas Granada and Atletico Madrid, for example — play very much in the South American style. This is why my friends Leivinha and Luiz Pereira fitted in so well and so quickly. My natural style, like theirs, is to be a ball-player. I don't think the European emphasis on running and physical strength will be good for the game in the long run. But only time will tell.

SHOOT/GOAL: Do you think England's lack of success is due to this emphasis on physical play?

MARINHO: Yes, in a way I do. I don't think England have ever found a replacement for Bobby Charlton, who could control the pace of a game. England recently have tended to throw everything into a frenzied attack and run non-stop for 90 minutes without stopping to think where they're going. A change of tactics would make England a major force in world football again. I'd like to be in the Brazilian side when the two countries next meet.

'English soccer is tops'

**says Polish manager,
KAZIMIERZ GORSKI**

"**E**NGLAND have more highly-talented players at their disposal than any other country in the world," said Poland manager Kazimierz Gorski after a recent fact-finding mission to our shores.

Gorski watched League matches during his stay and was impressed with the quality of players.

"In two years, England could be a major force in international football again," Gorski continued.

"Your resources are immense. Just about everything worthwhile in football has started in England."

Two aspects of English soccer in particular impressed the Poland supremo.

"The goalkeepers and the ability of forwards to head the ball."



So why did Don Revie fail to take his men to the Quarter-Finals of the European Championship?

"English players have to play far too many games at the highest level every season.

"This means they cannot show their best form at international level. If the authorities manage to overcome this club-or-country problem, England will be back on the road to

success in the near future."

While in England, Gorski attended clubs' training sessions and the shrewd tactician left with his note-book full of ideas.

His parting message: "I'm glad Poland do not have to play England in the 1978 World Cup qualifying ties."

● Since his visit, Gorski has been hospitalised with a kidney complaint, similar to the one that laid him up last year.

It has been said, unofficially, that treatment could take several months which would mean he'd have to hand over his job to someone else... possibly even permanently.

I hear the authorities are considering making Gorski coaching consultant, which would not be as demanding as manager, but his wealth of knowledge and experience could still be utilised.



BEST ARRIVES IN STYLE

OUR old mate George Best arrived in the United States in true style. Bestie has signed for Los Angeles Aztecs and delighted American Pressmen waiting to greet him at the airport.

How I wish I could get quotes such as: "I think I'm a better player now than Pele was at his peak" or "if I steer clear of trouble I should be okay."

That wasn't all. George sported a tee-shirt with an interesting message and was greeted by an Aztecs official — shapely Linda Cardoza — whose tee-shirt replied "George does it Best".

Miss Cardoza then handcuffed George (for security?) and the Aztecs party whisked him away in a limousine.

I'll try to keep you up to date with George in L.A.

New look—old habits

ATLETICO MADRID defender Fernando Diaz, who has already been suspended for a total of 11 games this season, has promised to reform and curb his temper.

He's also had his shoulder-length hair cut to a short-back and sides because "my ferocious appearance frightens referees so they send me off."

Our man in Spain saw the new-look Diaz, but reports "he thumped a ball-boy for some reason and spent the rest of the afternoon showing great disrespect for various portions of Johan Cruyff's anatomy."

And adds: "If the ref had recognised him, I think he'd have sent him off!"

SPANISH 'BRIBES'

AS I've mentioned before, it is quite in order for Spanish clubs to offer other clubs bonuses.

This season, with the title race very tight, these "third party" bonuses

have been higher than ever.

For example, both Real Madrid and Barcelona offered Salamanca players £600 and £400 each respectively for beating top-of-the-table rivals Atletico Madrid.

Unfortunately, Salamanca could only draw so their players missed out on £1,000.

ELTON JOHN— the two-club superstar

That well-known director of Watford Football Club, and pop superstar, Mr Elton John, has recently bought a share of his other "home-town" club, Los Angeles Aztecs.

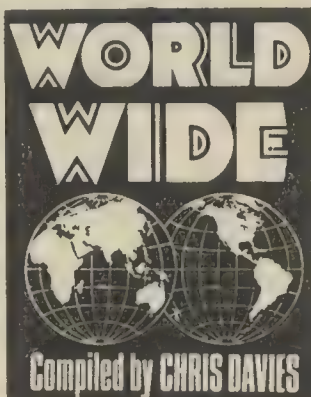
For tax reasons, soccer-mad Elton has to spend a large part of the year out of Great Britain. So long, in fact, he has now bought a

house in Beverly Hills, the plush, film-star suburb of Los Angeles.

Being away from our shores stops him watching his idols — our footballers.

So, with American soccer taking off in such a big way, Elton has done the next best thing and bought a part of the Los Angeles club with, we understand, the option to buy a majority shareholding at a later date.

Now he has his own club to watch and, don't forget, the Aztecs have just secured George Best for this summer (see story this page).



● The players of Peruvian club Carlos Manuel have been rather nervous lately. You see... they've had a voodoo spell cast upon them!

Photographs of all the players pierced with pins were found in the local cemetery along with a bone-chilling message that they would suddenly lose their ability to play football!

Gentle persuasion!

★ If I played in Spain, one player I definitely wouldn't argue with is Luiz Pereira (right), Atletico Madrid's Brazilian defender... as hard as they come.

With this in mind, I was amused by Pereira's recent story: "At the start of a game the other week, an opponent told me that I'd kicked him to pieces earlier in the season and he was going to do the same to me. I nudged him a couple of times in the first five minutes and for some reason he didn't come near me again."

✓ Wise chap!

● Barcelona (Spain), Universitario Lima (Peru), Millonarios (Colombia) and America (Mexico) have been invited to play a tournament in New York during July.

The terms are said to be "very attractive financially."



EUROPEAN LEAGUE PLACINGS

WEST GERMANY

1 — Bor. Mönchengladbach (32 points), 2 — Hamburger (29), 3 — Ein. Braunschweig (27).

HOLLAND

1 — PSV (33), 2 — Ajax (33), 3 — Feyenoord (33), 4 — FC Twente (32).

SPAIN

1 — Real Madrid (37), 2 — Atletico Madrid (34), 3 — Barcelona (32).

ITALY

1 — Juventus (34), 2 — Torino (29), 3 — AC Milan (27), 4 — Inter (25).

POLAND

1 — Ruch Chorzow (23), 2 — GKS Tychy (23), 3 — Stal Mielec (21), 4 — Pogon (20).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1 — Slavia Prague (24), 2 — Inter Bratislava (22), 3 — Slovan Bratislava (21).

● Wherever Johan Cruyff may go when his Barcelona contract ends, it won't be to another Spanish club.

Under a ruling, if a foreigner leaves a Spanish club, he must leave Spain. He cannot join a "rival" for another season.

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This week's Star Letter comes from Graeme Gill of Littlehampton, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

FOUR-HOUR TRIP TO HOME GAME!

THE build-up for a local match between Littlehampton and Ringmer in the Sussex County League (Division One) must surely be unique.

Littlehampton hadn't won a home game for four months... yet away, they had picked up points regularly.

So, at eight in the morning of their home clash with Ringmer, the Littlehampton players reported to the ground.

The manager had organised a coach trip to London and back — about four hours in all — as preparation.

The sort of journey they'd make to an away game.

However... the trick worked and Littlehampton played a blinder, winning 3-0.

● Managers do all sorts of things to get their players in the right frame of mind, but I've never heard of anything like this.

Maybe Malcolm Allison should take note. Crystal Palace have been struggling at Selhurst Park... this could answer his problems!!

Sporting Club

IN the past three seasons, my team, Radford Semele Boys' Clubs Under-12's, have won just two matches, conceding 619 goals.

Yet we have still won a trophy! We were awarded the Most Sporting Side in the League award.

B. HAYWARD,
LEAMINGTON SPA.

● Congratulations! Too often teams in your position resort to foul tactics.

Missing Fans

IT is a sad indictment of the fans in one of the most populated areas of the country, London, that they cannot turn out to watch such a fine team... Queens Park Rangers.

Q.P.R. may not be the most

effective side in the League, but I reckon they're the most skilful and stylish.

Judging by the huge crowds Manchester United got when they were relegated and played boring stuff, perhaps people don't really care about the standard of football they watch.

A. HAIR,
BISHOPBRIGGS.

● Q.P.R. certainly deserve more than their usual 20,000 or so. With a bigger crowd behind them, they'd be an even better team. Maybe United didn't play very well when relegated, but I'll tell you the reason they still attracted around 50,000 for each home game. It's called loyalty.

'Pool Attack

AS a Liverpool fan, I congratulate ASHOOT/GOAL on your article in August 23rd, 1975, issue.

You said Liverpool's weakness was they didn't attack enough in away games.

Maybe they took notice because as I write, they have the best away record in Division One, with 4-0 wins at Spurs and West Ham.

KEITH MAPLE,
BRENTWOOD.

● Despite some good away performances, I think Liverpool are still too cautious (like at Arsenal last month) and this may yet lose them the Championship.

Genius Jennings

I WAS amazed to read in your interview with Aston Villa goalkeeper John Burridge that "Pat Jennings is too unorthodox and will never be as good as Gordon Banks."

Also — "I would not advise any youngster to model himself upon Pat."

Let's face it. The job of a 'keeper is to stop the ball entering his net.

Pat Jennings is a genius. It is not luck when he stops the ball with his legs — it's a calculated action.

H. GILLAN,
BELFAST.

● I agree. Banks and Jennings are completely different in style, but both effective and I couldn't choose between them. I reckon Pat is better with his legs than some goalies are with their hands!



"SHAKE hands and come out fighting." That's the sentiment behind the cover of this week's issue showing my Liverpool team-mate John Toshack and I in the international shirts we hope to be wearing in the Wales v. England match due to take place on Wednesday, March 24th, to mark the centenary of the Welsh F.A.

It'll be strange appearing on opposite sides. We're so used to playing as a double-act and making goals for each other.

For the past week we've been mickey-taking over this turn-about, but don't let that give you the impression our attitude towards the game isn't serious. There's a lot of national — and professional — pride at stake for us both.

One irony that's given us a lot of amusement is the fact Tosh is a Welshman living in England, and I'm an Englishman living in Wales!

Although the game will be hard-fought, with no favours given or asked for, Tosh and I as strikers are unlikely to clash. But we've agreed if we do find ourselves going together for a 50-50 ball, there'll be no holding back.

Playing against Wales will always hold a special significance for me because I made my international debut against the Red Dragons at Ninian Park in a World Cup qualifier in November,

1972, which we won 1-0.

I was also picked for the return game at Wembley. Tosh gave them a shock lead, but Norman Hunter earned us a draw with a long-range rocket shot from his famous left peg.

Another of football's strange ironies here. Tosh had put the ball past his Liverpool team-mate, Ray Clemence, while Norman had scored against his fellow Leeds player, Gary Sprake!



'Norwich dared to beat us at Anfield'



I'd like to report that in both games I played blinders, but I failed to capture my club form and began to wonder whether I had any international future at all.

I've since realised the tremendous contrast between turning out for club and country. It takes time to adjust to playing alongside men you've formerly met only as opponents and under a manager with different ideas and temperament.

Next match against Wales, in 1974 at Ninian Park, marked a

There's an interesting similarity between this centenary game against Wales and the one England played against Scotland at Hampden in 1973.

The Scots were then the only Home country to qualify for the World Cup in West Germany, while Wales are now Great Britain's sole representatives in the European Championships.

We were determined to prove that despite the Scots' achievement, England were still top dogs in these Isles, and on a bitter, win-

through our very tough series of qualifying matches to reach the World Cup Finals in Argentina in 1978.

I'm probably more geared-up for the centenary game than any other England player because the folk around my way have talked of nothing else for weeks now. It's marvellous how much interest a soccer game has created in a traditional rugby stronghold.

I get on very well with everyone here, they now accept me as one of their own, but our relationship is going to be a bit strained come the big night.

And if I score in our win at the Racecourse Ground — which in-

'ENGLAND WILL BE DOING THE CELEBRATING'

LEFT... Kevin (far left) celebrates Colin Bell's winner v. Wales in 1972.

try night our three C's — Mike Channon, Allan Clarke and Martin Chivers — ran riot amongst their defence and we emerged 5-0 winners.

Even though I was on the subs' bench, I still felt part of our magnificent victory.

In our jubilation, we still had time to feel sorry for the Scots who would have only sad memories of such a great occasion in their country's history.

We consoled ourselves with the knowledge they had the World Cup Finals to look forward to.

I'm sure we'll have similar thoughts after we've beaten Wales at the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham, next Wednesday — they'll have their chance to redeem themselves in the European Championships Quarter-Finals against Yugoslavia.

No, I'm not being over-confident. I'm convinced we'll defeat the Welsh, despite the fanatical support they'll get and the fact

their manager Mike Smith — an Englishman! — now has a settled team whereas our manager, Don Revie, has not yet hit on the blend he's aiming for.

As I've said before, Mike Smith has been fortunate in having around only 14 class players to pick from, which means he has had to persevere with those who've struggled and allowed them time to settle-in.

England, on the other hand, have around 40 players available, so there's always at least one replacement for someone who's failed to make his mark.

This match is a crucial one in Don Revie's plans to build up a side capable of taking England

cidentally is only about 14 miles away from my cottage — I definitely won't be going out to celebrate. The village will be in mourning, and they won't want to see my happy face around the place.

On the Saturday before the Wales game, Liverpool play a match which is just as important for us to win. We're away to Norwich City, the team that dared to beat us 3-1 in a League match at Anfield.

There's no way we're going to allow them to do the "League Double" on us.

'Kiss Of Death'

I was upset at losing to them on our home patch, but in retrospect I realise they thoroughly deserved to come out on top.

They attacked us, and Colin Suggett scored with a beautifully-bent ball from about 20 yards out.

Their win at Anfield, plus one at Elland Road against Leeds, so impressed me I made them my favourites to win the F.A. Cup after we'd been knocked-out by Derby. It proved to be the Keegan "kiss of death" to them, because they were overturned by Bradford City, a team from my home county, Yorkshire.

I give The Canaries warning we'll be going on to the offensive right from the kick-off and aiming to take home two points towards our title total.

Hope you'll join me next week. All the best,

Kevin Keegan

keep up with
**KEVIN
KEEGAN**

real milestone in my international career — I scored my first goal for England!

Unfortunately, it wasn't the spectacular one I'd always envisaged, the sort that wins "Goal of the Month" awards.

It was probably the worst effort of my career so far. I felt embarrassment instead of elation. A mere two yards out, I lashed at the ball, intending to smash it past the 'keeper. My foot scooped into the turf, threw up an enormous divot, and the ball bobbled over the line, not even reaching the back of the net.

WALESES

the team that aims to be the best in Britain

A CAPACITY 30,000 crowd at the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham, next Wednesday (March 24th) will be jeering 11 Englishmen and cheering one. The 11 they want to see crushed by European Championship qualifiers Wales will make up the side Don Revie brings to Wrexham for the Football Association of Wales' centenary match. The only Englishman in high favour will be Wales manager Mike Smith.

After the victory against Austria which ensured Wales would finally salvage some pride in the British disaster-stricken Championship, the Racecourse crowd burst into chants of "We Want Smith." It was quite a switch from the normal reception Welsh crowds reserve for Englishmen!

Yet Smith is the exception to every rule. He was never a great player — selection for the British 1960 Olympic squad was his high-spot — yet he has succeeded superbly as a manager. In fact, he became the Wales boss only because Dave Bowen resigned from the post.

In just two adventurous, exciting seasons, however, he has injected life, vigour, efficiency, skill and goals into Welsh football. Under his direction, Wales have reached the European Championship Quarter-Finals... an achievement beyond the abilities of Revie's England, Willie Ormond's Scotland, Dave Clements' Northern Ireland and Johnny Giles' Republic of Ireland.

How has he done it? "By being great at his job," says Terry Yorath

whose appointment as skipper proved an early stroke of inspiration. Smith noted the Yorath trademark of driving aggression and decided the Leeds' star typified the qualities he wanted from a team captain.

"Tactically he is outstanding. Mike does his homework so thoroughly we know exactly what we face from every opposing player. This is something we didn't have before. No disrespect to Dave Bowen, who did a difficult part-time job to the limits of the time he could be spared from Northampton Town, but this should have happened years ago.

"Mike travels everywhere watching opposing countries. He was in Algeria last month spying on Yugoslavia, our European Championship Quarter-Final opponents. And he'll see them again the week before we play them on April 24th in Zagreb.

"His organisation is outstanding, in fact, on a par with that we first experienced at Leeds from Don Revie. And you can't offer a better recommendation.

"He's not afraid to use other people. He works in partnership with Cyril Lea, of Ipswich, who is chief coach, and is delighted to accept reports from anyone with expert knowledge. You know full well if Mike is not actually watching every game you play, there is someone in the stand who will be reporting to him. He stays on top of every situation."

How much pleasure does Smith take from the triumphs of Wales under his command? "I enjoy work-

ing with outstanding players," comments the 38-year-old former Brighton schoolmaster who came from Sussex eight years ago to become the F.A.W.'s director of coaching.

"The first step I took when I was appointed was to drive to Ipswich to have a long chat with Cyril Lea. I recognised the quality of his work and I wanted him to open up and play a major part in the job I felt I could do for Welsh football.

"I am a firm believer in one singer, one song. Cyril's specialist role is to organise the set-piece situations. We do not have much time when we prepare for an international so it is essential we both do our work without getting in each other's way.

"We have a tremendous relationship and we're close friends. Each of us has his own identity with the players and not a moment is wasted."

The second man Smith made certain of recruiting was team doctor Graham Jones, a young Newport practitioner who is the club doctor at Newport County and a football fanatic. Dr. Jones now occupies the same specialist position in team affairs as Sir Alf Ramsey and Don Revie insisted for their doctors with the England squads.

He does not sit in the coach with the F.A.W. councillors wearing a well-cut suit; he is in the team coach with the players in the same red tracksuit.

"I wanted to ensure we had the best of training, the best of medical



care as far as injuries were concerned. I was anxious clubs should recognise we took great care of players, and their diets."

Working in close co-operation

Next week SHOOT/GOAL asks ...
Manchester United manager
TOMMY DOCHERTY answers.

The first of a two-part exclusive and frank interview with one of soccer's most colourful, and often controversial, characters.

IN FULL COLOUR: How Manchester City won the League Cup; Stoke City team group; Roy McFarland (Derby); Wolves v. Charlton; Focus on Jeff Blockley (Leicester).

All this plus your usual favourites in SHOOT/GOAL next week!



LEFT ... One of the up and coming Wales stars, Liverpool full-back Joey Jones

ABOVE Wales in action against England at Wembley last May, where they earned a 2-2 draw

RIGHT Terry Yorath, whose spirit and determination make him an ideal captain

FAR RIGHT Mike Smith, the Englishman who's the toast of Wales

with shrewd F.A.W. secretary Trevor Morris, another man with modern, bustling ideas about football. Smith ensures players stay in only the finest hotels. Nothing must be overlooked. He once rejected a Cardiff hotel because the decor was angled on the brilliant successes of Welsh Rugby.

"This is not for us," he ruled, pulling open a door with a handle fashioned in the shape of a Rugby ball. "My side is second best to no one."

This is the background against which Wales have qualified for the final stages of a major European competition for the first time. Their place in the 1958 World Cup Finals came after elimination in their Group, and then a recall following



an international squabble. The aim of Smith is to now create a bastion of strength which will ensure continual Welsh triumphs.

"I am already engaged on studies for the next World Cup. As far as players are concerned, we have an on-going situation. The only man likely to drop out in the next few years is Arfon Griffiths who is now 34. Otherwise I cannot see us making more than two or three changes. These will be forced on the squad by emerging players of exceptional ability.

"We now have a side composed almost entirely of first-team First Division players and, behind them, there are players of skill and ability to come from the ranks of our Youth and Under 23 sides. All this can only make the possibility of progress better."

John Toshack puts his finger on another major change in the Welsh squad within the last couple of years. "There is a far better attitude and team-spirit. When I first came into the senior side, there was a gulf between the newcomers and the long-established players. Possibly because those who had been there a while had never won anything and never felt they would."

"Now we are all on the same wave length. The liaison between

players like myself, Terry and John Mahoney and a complete newcomer like Ian Evans is splendid, far different than it was in my early days. The mood and the spirit has rubbed off on everyone."

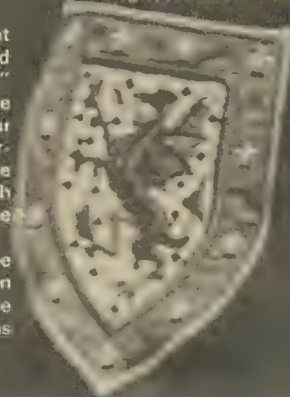
Toshack, too, believes Welsh success is here to stay. "Mike's belief we can win is just as strong in the Under-23 squad. I have listened to his team talks with them. They share our patterns of play and our confidence for the future."

Smith sharply rejects the current Welsh football joke about England being "warming-up opponents" before the Yugoslavia clash. "We don't start thinking about our European Championship Quarter-Final until after this centenary game at Wrexham," rules the Welsh manager firmly determined to erase over confidence.

"There are not even going to be any 100th birthday celebrations in the Welsh camp until after the Wrexham match. For us at this

moment the England game IS the one that matters, because it's the next hurdle. It is tremendously important to us in its right. The record book shows the last Welsh win over England was 21 years ago.

"That is a record we are determined to start putting right at Wrexham. Our tactics against England will be planned for that match and not for the Yugoslavia game when they will be different. So none of this 'warming-up' talk, please. For all of us the centenary game will tell us things about ourselves. It will be a vital night for Welsh football."



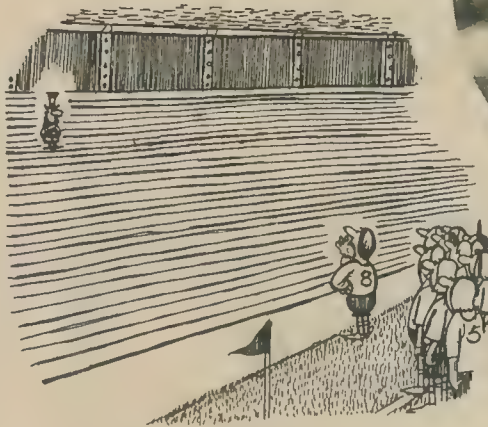
FOOTBALL



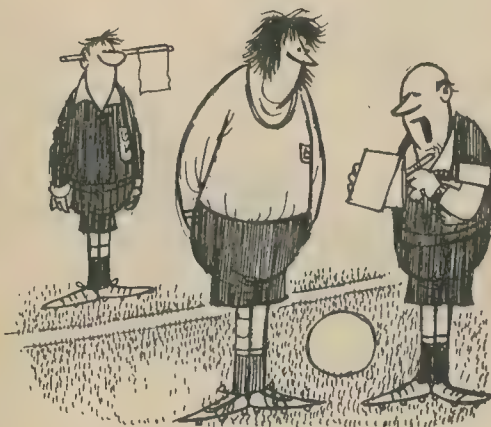
This week Wolves star **WILLIE CARR** selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist **Styx**.



"I see the local bloke who scooped the pools is going to remain anonymous"



"I say! We're one man short, so could you go and get changed?"



"I'm booking you for disputing a linesman's flag signal"



"You're playing like a magician, boy — like the one on telly who wears the fez"



"But can't we relax at half-time like other teams do, boss?"

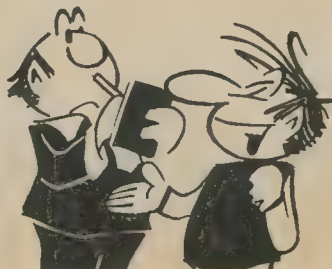
FUNNIES

NOBBY

WHAT'S MY **NUMBER**?
WELL, ORIGINALLY AS A
SCHOOLBOY



I WAS A DASHING **NUMBER NINE**, BUT WHEN I TURNED
PRO. THEY CONVERTED
ME INTO A



WINGER. AND THEN
LATER OUR **SWEEPER**
WAS INJURED SO I . . .



HANG ABOUT, I
HAVEN'T FINISHED MY
STORY YET!



COUNTRY CALL

Compiled by
JOHN PYKE

It was not so long ago a fixture between Wales and England was regarded as a warm-up by the English for more important international fixtures.

But times change. Now it is the turn of Wales to use their centenary fixture on Wednesday, March 24th as preparation for the European Championship Quarter-Final games against Yugoslavia.

English fans do not mind reminding that their country failed to qualify for the last eight.

On a night in which the crowd at Wrexham helped so much to inspire their side to victory over Austria, Wales burst through as the only Home country to reach the last stages.

"The quiet Englishman" that is what they call Mike Smith, the Welsh manager. But his achievement in reviving Welsh football so suddenly is an outstanding feat.

Once this fixture is out of the way, English fans will join the rest of Great Britain in wishing the Welsh every success in their quest to win Europe's major international competition.



Arfon Griffiths in action against Austria... his goal ensured Wales reached the European Championship Quarter-Finals.

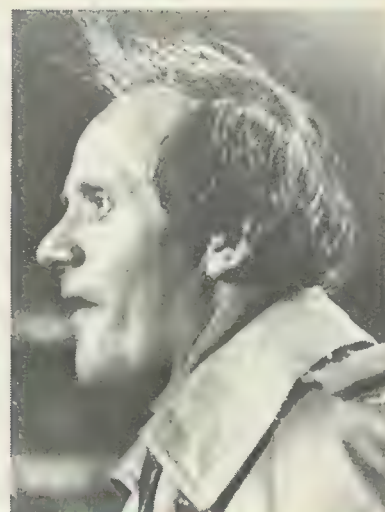
WALES



JOHN TOSHACK... the Welsh goal-scoring ace

THE WELSH SQUAD IN OUR PHOTOGRAPH

Name	Birthplace	Club Team	Full Caps	Goals
Dai Davies	Ammanford	Everton	5	—
Phil Dwyer	Cardiff	Cardiff C.	—	—
Mike England	Greenfields	Cardiff C.	44	3
Ian Evans	Egham	C. Palace	1	—
Brian Flynn	Port Talbot	Burnley	7	1
Arfon Griffiths	Wrexham	Wrexham	9	5
Carl Harris	Neath	Leeds U.	—	—
Leighton James	Llchwyr	Derby Co.	22	3
Joey Jones	Llandudno	Liverpool	1	—
Jack Lewis	Long Eaton	Grimsby T.	—	—
Brian Lloyd	Rhyl	Wrexham	1	—
John Mahoney	Cardiff	Stoke C.	22	1
Malcolm Page	Knucklas	Birmingham C.	13	—
Leighton Phillips	Briton Ferry	Aston Villa	20	—
Dave Roberts	Southampton	Hull C.	8	—
John Roberts	Swansea	Birmingham C.	20	1
Rod Thomas	Glyncorwg	Derby Co.	41	—
John Toshack	Cardiff	Liverpool	26	9
Terry Yorath	Cardiff	Leeds U.	22	1



MIKE SMITH... the Wales manager

(Post War scorers for Wales)

23 T. Ford	4 D. Tapscott	Bryn Jones	R. Hewitt
I. Allchurch	3 D. Palmer	Barrie Jones	A. Powell
16 C. Jones	L. James	G. Reece	R. Krzywicki
15 J. Charles	R. Rees	A. Durban	G. Williams
9 J. Toshack	M. England	1 R. Paul	T. Hockey
8 R. Davies	P. Woosnam	A. Powell	D. Smallman
R. Vernon	2 G. Lowrie	R. Burgess	J. Roberts
6 T. Medwin	G. Edwards	W. Foulkes	T. Yorath
M. Charles	M. Griffiths	W. Barnes	J. Mahoney
5 R. Clarke	B. Godfrey	D. Bowen	B. Flynn
K. Leek		G. Moore	
A. Griffiths			

(Note: Highest pre-War total, D. Astley, 12)



ALLCHURCH... the most capped Welshman

The men in charge

Manager.....Mike Smith
Trainer/Coach.....Cyril Lea

Record breakers

Record Attendance: 61,566, Wales v. England at Ninian Park, October 14, 1961.
Record Appearances: 68 by Ivor Allchurch
Record Goalscorer: 23 by Trevor Ford and Ivor Allchurch
Record Victory: 11-0 v. Ireland in 1888 (Wrexham)
Record Defeat: 0-9 v. Scotland in 1878 (Glasgow)

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WAL



BACK ROW (left to right): John Toshack (Liverpool), Mike England (Cardiff City), Ian Evans (Crystal Palace), John Roberts (Birmingham City), Lloyd (Wroxham), Dai Davies (Everton), Phil Dwyer (Cardiff City), Jack Lewis (Grimsby Town), Dave Roberts (Hall City), Joey Jones (Liverpool).

LES



FRONT ROW: Doctor Graham Jones (Newport County), Arfon Griffiths (Wrexham), Rod Thomas (Derby County), Carl Harris (Leeds United), Leighton James (Derby County), Terry Yorath

(Leeds United), Mike Smith (manager), Brian Flynn (Burnley), John Mahoney (Stoke City), Leighton Phillips (Aston Villa), Malcolm Page (Birmingham City), Cyril Lea (coach, Ipswich).

COUNTRY CALL

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LEFT... Wing-wizard Leighton James has now won 22 full caps for his country, scoring three goals.



WELSH APPEARANCES since September, 1974 — when Mike Smith took charge of his first match

	v. Austria in Vienna (L 1-2) 4-9-74 (European Championship)	v. Hungary at Ninian Park (W 2-0) 30-10-74 (European Championship)	v. Luxembourg at Swansea (W 5-0) 20-11-74 (European Championship)	v. Hungary in Budapest (W 2-1) 16-4-75 (European Championship)	v. Luxembourg in Luxembourg (W 3-1) 1-5-75 (European Championship)	v. England at Wembley (D 2-2) 21-5-75 (Home Championship)	v. Scotland at Ninian Park (D 2-2) 17-5-75 (Home Championship)	v. N. Ireland in Belfast (L 0-1) 23-5-75 (Home Championship)	v. Austria at Wrexham (W 1-0) 19-11-75 (European Championship)
Sprake (Birmingham)	★	★	★						
Roberts (P) (Portsmouth)	★	★	★ (1)						
Phillips (Cardiff & Aston V.)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Roberts (D) (Oxford & Hull)	★				★			★	
Roberts (J) (Birmingham)	★			★		★			
Yorath (Leeds)	★	★	★ (1)	★	★				★
Mahoney (Stoke)	★	★	★	★ (1)	★	★	★	★	★
Griffiths (V'rexham)	★ (1)	★ (1)	★ (1)	★	★	★ (1)	★	★	★ (1)
Réce (Cardiff)	★	★	★	★	★ (1)		★	★	
Toshack (Liverpool)	★	★ (1)	★ (1)	★ (1)	★	★ (1)	★ (1)		
James (Burnley)	★	★	★	★	★ (2)	★	★	★	★
Thomes (Derby)		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
England (Tottenham)		★	★ (1)						
Phillips (J) (Chelsea)			SUB						
Flynn (Burnley)			SUB	SUB	SUB	★	★ (1)	★	★
Davies (Everton)				★	★	★	★	★	
Page (Birmingham)				★	★	★	★	★	
Smallman (Everton)				SUB		★	SUB	★	
Showers (Cardiff)						SUB			
Lloyd (Wrexham)									★
Jones (Liverpool)									★
Evans (C. Palace)									★
Goals scored in brackets									



ABOVE... Hungary v. Wales — a great victory for the Welsh in Budapest.

Wales in the European Championship

1958-60

Did Not Enter

1962-64

Hungary	3	Wales	1
Wales	1	Hungary	1

1966-68

Wales	1	Scotland	1
Scotland	3	Wales	2
England	5	Wales	1
Wales	0	England	3
N. Ireland	0	Wales	0
Wales	2	N. Ireland	0

1970-72

Wales	0	Rumania	0
Rumania	2	Wales	0
Wales	1	Czech	3
Czech	1	Wales	0
Finland	0	Wales	1
Wales	3	Finland	0

1974-76

Austria	2	Wales	1
Wales	1	Austria	0
Wales	2	Hungary	0
Hungary	1	Wales	2
Wales	5	Luxembourg	0
Luxembourg	1	Wales	3

(This is the first time Wales have reached the Quarter-Finals of the European Championship)



ABOVE... With 41 caps to this credit already, Rod Thomas may overtake Ivor Allchurch's record.

Wales in the World Cup

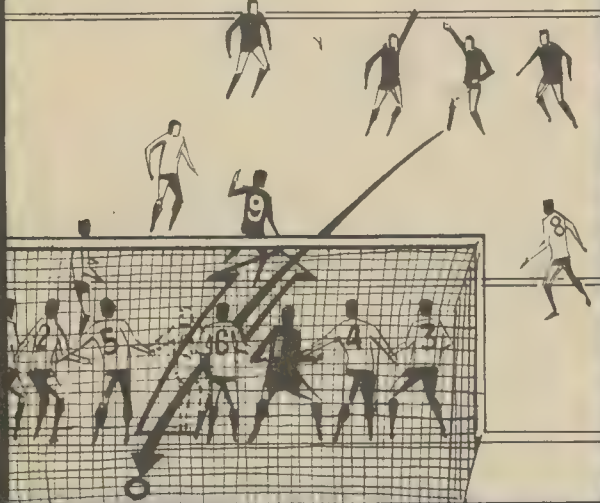
1950 (Brazil)	Qualifying Round
1954 (Switzerland)	Qualifying Round
1958 (Sweden)	Quarter-Finals
1962 (Chile)	Qualifying Round
1966 (England)	Qualifying Round
1970 (Mexico)	Qualifying Round
1974 (West Germany)	Qualifying Round

YOU ARE THE REF

● Compiled by STAN LOVER, Chairman of the London Referees' Society

1

An attacker (number 9) lines up with defenders, on the goal-line between the goal-posts, to face an indirect free-kick less than ten yards from goal. After the ball is kicked he steps forward out of the wall, and the ball goes through the gap into goal. Do you (a) award a goal, (b) a goal-kick or (c) a free-kick to the defending team?



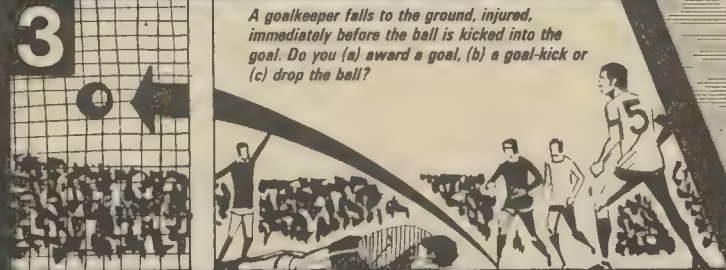
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When taking a throw-in a player stands with both feet on the touch-line. Do you (a) take no action, (b) have the throw retaken or (c) award a throw-in to the other team?

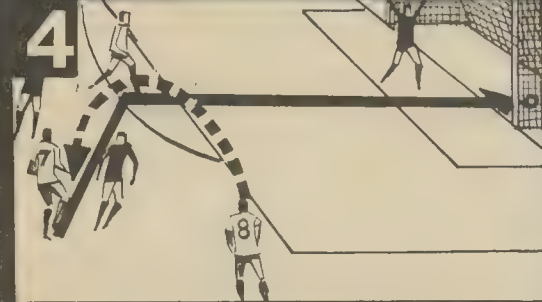


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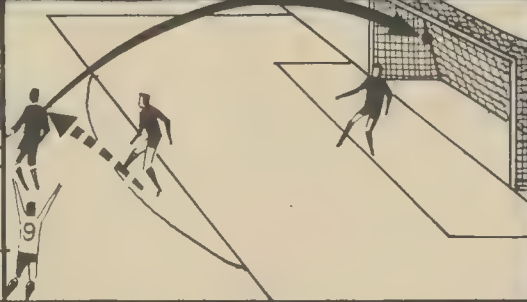
A goalkeeper falls to the ground, injured, immediately before the ball is kicked into the goal. Do you (a) award a goal, (b) a goal-kick or (c) drop the ball?



4



A: Receiving the ball from a throw-in an attacker passes the ball forward to a team-mate who is in an offside position outside the penalty-area. He scores but you disallow the goal and award a free-kick.



B: The free-kick is taken quickly by a defender. The ball strikes your back and rebounds over the goalkeeper's head into the goal. You award a goal.

(Where is the problem?)

ANSWERS

1. Award a free-kick (c). The attacker was offside when the ball was kicked, not having at least two defenders between himself and the goal-line. 2. Take no action (a). Law 15 says: "part of each foot shall be either on the touch-line or on the touch-line." 3. Award a goal (a). The correct decision is in B. The problem is in A. A corner-kick because a defender cannot score against his own team from a free-kick.

4. The correct decision is in B. The problem is in A. A corner-kick because a defender cannot score against his own team from a free-kick.

SHOOT-IN AT STAN

MUM'S THE WORD

Many letters, from readers, ask for help to settle friendly arguments on aspects of the Laws. It is not often I receive such a request from the mother of a football-crazy family.

Mrs J. M. Barnsley of Leamington Spa, Warwicks, writes:

"In 'You Are The Ref' issue dated January 17th, 1976, you advised a goalkeeper could take two steps with the ball, then it could be rolled, picked up and released if he takes another two steps i.e. not more than four steps.

"Please settle a family argument. Would it be a foul if he took, say, three steps both before and after rolling the ball i.e. MORE than four steps in all? I say it IS a foul but my family maintain that as the goalkeeper has released the ball after the first three steps it is not a foul."

Look at it this way. A goalkeeper has a TOTAL of four steps in the bank. He is allowed to spend these in any combination e.g. all four to clear; no steps — roll — four steps; one + three; two + two or three + one. The steps in between, when the ball is released from the hand and is rolling, are not counted.

This is the F.I.F.A. interpretation of Law 12:5 (a), relating to possession by the goalkeeper.

Full marks, then, to Mrs Barnsley, doom and gloom on the rest of the family. Should any arguments on football arise again in the Barnsley household it might be better to keep mum!

REFEREES ON COURSE — OFF COURSE

The next disagreement arose at a referees' course in Wales. Mr. C. P. Ivison writes from Hope, Clwyd.

"A centre-forward takes a kick-off by playing the ball back into his own half. It rolls its circumference and is then touched again by the same player. What is the correct decision? Should the kick-off be retaken or an indirect free-kick be given for the more serious offence of playing the ball twice?"

The correct answer is to retake the kick-off because the ball was not in play when it was touched for the second time by the centre-forward.

I hope there will be no resignations from the instructors on Mr. Ivison's course!

HALF-TIME TEASER

"What are the rights and privileges of a team-captain, according to the Laws?" was last week's teaser.

ANSWER: None. He is not even mentioned. In my opinion this is a pity. A few well-chosen words, firmly instructing captains to see they and their teams play to the spirit and letter of the Laws, could help the game.

This week's teaser is: Should a player be allowed to leave a match to make a telephone call?

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

MONDAY, FEB. 23

F.A. CUP Fifth Round

NORWICH (1) 1 (Peters)
BRADFORD C (1) 2 (Hutchins, McGinley) 27,047
 Norwich: Keelan; Jones, Sullivan, McGuire, Forbes, Stringer, Machin, MacDougall, Boyer, Suggett, Peters.
 Bradford: Downsborough; Podd, Cooper, Johnson, Middleton, Fretwell, McGinley, Ingram, Cooke, Hall, Hutchins.

Fifth Round Second Replay

BOLTON (0) 1 (Jones, G.)
NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (Burns, Gowling) at Leeds 42,280
 Bolton: Siddall; Ritson (Walsh), Dunne, Greaves, Nicholson, Allardyce, Byrom, Whatmore, Jones (G), Reid, Waldron.
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Nattrass (Blackhall), Kennedy, Barrowclough, Keeley, Howard, Burns, Cassidy, Cannell, Gowling, Craig (T).

DIVISION I

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Taylor, A.)
LEEDS (0) 1 (McKenzie) 28,025
 West Ham: Day; McDowell, Lampard, Holland (Jennings), Taylor (T), McGiven, Taylor (A), Paddon, Curbishley, Brookling, Robson.
 Leeds: Harvey; Reaney, Gray (F), Bates, Madeley, Hunter, McKenzie, Cherry, Jordan, Yorath, Gray (E).

DIVISION III

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Clarke)
BURY (0) 1 (Spence) 6,610
 Mansfield: Arnold; Pate, Foster (B), Matthews, Mackenzie, Uzelac, Randall (McDonald), Eccles, Clarke, Hodgson, McCaffrey.
 Bury: Forrest; Hoolickin, Kennedy, Nicholson, Hulme, Bailey, Woolfall (Riley), Phillips, Rowland, Spence, Williams.

WREXHAM (1) 3 (Ashcroft 2, Tinnion)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0 3,640
 Wrexham: Lloyd; Evans, Fogg, Davis, May, Whittle, Tinnion, Sutton, Lee, Ashcroft, Griffiths.
 Peterborough: Steele; Nixon, Murray, Eustace, Turner, Carmichael, Cozens, Gregory, Moss, Hughes, Robson.

DIVISION IV

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Graham)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 2 (Goddard, Reeves) 4,590
 Brentford: Priddy; Bence, Allen, Johnson, Lawrence, Salman, Graham, Scales, Cross (Sharp), Sweetzer, French.
 Bournemouth: Baker; Payne, Miller, Rickard, Morgan, Hague, Cunningham, Steele, Reeves, Goddard, Buttle.

DARLINGTON (0) 0
STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Fogarty pen.) 1,302
 Darlington: Ogley; Nattress, Cochrane, Cowan, Craig, Blant, Lowrey, Sinclair, Webb, Young, Coulson.
 Stockport: Hopkinson; Smith, Buckley, McNeill, Davids, Fogarty, Price, Bradley, Davies, Cross, Hughes.

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Aizlewood pen.)
SWANSEA (2) 2 (Bruton, Bray) 2,040
 Newport: Macey; Passey, Bell, Godfrey, Aizlewood, Hancock, Preece, Screen, Elliott, Parsons, White.
 Swansea: Potter; Evans, Bartley, Smith, Bruton, Harris, Conway, Thomas, James, Bray, Curtis.
 Rochdale v Crewe postponed

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

DIVISION I

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Radford)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0 36,127
 Arsenal: Rimmer; Rice, Nelson, Ross, Mancini, Powling, Armstrong, Ball, Radford, Kidd, Brady.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Jones, Neal, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Keegan, Case, Heighway, Toshack, Callaghan.

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Graydon)
WOLVES (0) 1 (Richards) 47,693



A Tony Towers penalty helped promotion-chasing Sunderland to earn a valuable point at Carlisle.

Villa: Burrige; Gidman, Robson, Ross, Nicholl, Phillips, Graydon, Little, Gray, McDonald (Overton), Carrodus.
 Wolves: Parkes; Sunderland, Parkin, Hibbitt, McAlle, Carr, O'Hara (Daley), Munro, Bell, Gould, Richards.

BURNLEY (1) 3 (Hankin, Scott, Flynn)
SHEFF. UTD (1) 1 (Guthrie) 14,387
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Newton, Rodaway, Waldron, Thomson, Morris, Hankin, Fletcher, Flynn, Summerbee.
 Sheff. U: Brown; Franks, Garner, Flynn, Colquhoun, Ludlam (Faulkner), McGeady, Bradford, Guthrie, Speight, Woodward.

EVERTON (0) 1 (Lyons)
TOTTENHAM (0) 0 18,126
 Everton: Lawson; Bernard, Darracott, Lyons, McNaught, Buckley, Hamilton, Dobson, Telfer, Connolly, Jones (G).
 Tottenham: Jennings; Stead, McAllister, Pratt, Young, Osgood, Hoddle, Perryman, Duncan, Chivers, Neighbour.

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 2 (Boam, Souness)
COVENTRY (0) 0 19,000
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Cooper, Souness, Boam, McAndrew, Boersma (Woolf), Mills, Hickton, Maddren, Armstrong.
 Coventry: Blyth; Oakey, Cattlin, Craven, Dugdale, Coop, Holmes, Powell, Cross, Ferguson, Hutchison (Murphy).

DIVISION II

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Hart)
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Parkes) 8,772
 Blackpool: Wood; Hatton, Harrison, Hart, Suddaby, Bentley, Ronson, Ainscow, Walsh, Smith, Moore.
 Blackburn: Jones; Wilkinson, Wood, Metcalfe, Hawkins, Fazackerley, Hird, Beamish, Oates, Parkes, Bailey.

BRISTOL C (1) 1 (Cheesley)
OLDHAM (0) 0 14,361
 Bristol C: Casley; Sweeney, Drysdale, Gow, Collier, Merrick, Tainton, Ritchie, Mann, Cheesley, Whitehead.
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Whittle, Bell, Edwards, Holt, Blair, Shaw, Hicks, Chapman, Groves.

CARLISLE (1) 2 (Train, Barry)
SUNDERLAND (2) 2 Towers pen., Holden) 20,001
 Carlisle: Ross; Spearritt, Gorman, Barry, Green, Owen, Lathan, Train, Clarke (Carr), Laidlaw, Martin.
 Sunderland: Montgomery; Malone, Bolton, Towers, Clarke, Moncur, Kerr, Ashurst, Holden, Robson, Finney.

CHARLTON (1) 2 (Hales 2)
NOTTM F (0) 2 (Bowyer, McCann) 10,655
 Charlton: Wood; Penfold, Warman, Hunt, Giles, Curtis, Powell, Hales, Hope, Peacock, Young (T).
 Nottm. F: Wells; Gunn, Clark, McGovern, Chapman, Bowyer, Curran, O'Neill, O'Hare, Butlin (McCann), Robertson.

NOTTS CO (0) 1 (Bolton)
HULL (1) 2 (Hawley, Sunley) 15,293
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards (Bolton), O'Brien, Probert, Needham, Stubbs, Carter, Vinter, Bradd, Mann, Scanlon.
 Hull: Wealands; Daniel, Devries, Galvin, Croft, Roberts, Grimes, Lyall, Wood, Hawley, Sunley.

PLYMOUTH (1) 3 (Rafferty 2, Randell)
LUTON (0) 0 13,927
 Plymouth: Furnell; Horswill, Burrows, Sutton, Green, Dolve, Randell, Johnson, Mariner, Rafferty (Foster), McAuley.
 Luton: Barber; John Ryan, Buckley, Chambers, Faulkner, Fletcher (P), Husband, King, Fuccillo, West, Aston.
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Blyth, Channon)
FULHAM (1) 1 (Lacy) 23,575
 Southampton: Turner; Rodrigues, Peach, Holmes, Blyth, Steele, Fisher, Channon, Gilchrist (Osgood), McCalliog, Stokes.
 Fulham: Mellor; James, Strong, Mullery, Lacy, Moore, Lloyd, Conway, Mitchell, Slough, Barrett.

YORK (0) 0
ORIENT (1) 2 (Scott o.g., Queen) 2,857
 York: Crawford; Scott, Woodward, James, Topping, Cave, Pollard, Holmes, Seal, McMorrie, Hosker (Hinch).
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Payne, Bennett, Hoadley, Walley, Cunningham, Grealish, Queen, Heppollette, Possee.

DIVISION III

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Morgan 2)
C. PALACE (0) 0 33,300
 Brighton: Grummitt; Tiler, Wilson, Machin, Rollings, Burnett, Townner, O'Sullivan, Binney, Morgan, Mellor.
 C. Palace: Hammond; Wall, Cannon, Jeffries, Jump, Evans, Chatterton, Hinshelwood (M), Taylor, Swindlehurst, Holder.

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Gough)
CHESTER (0) 0 3,534
 Colchester: Walker; Bright, Cook, Bunkell, Smith, Packer, Garwood, Gough (Dominey), Froggatt, Williams, Dyer.
 Chester: Millington; Edwards, Loska, Dunleavy, Delgado, Draper, Redfern, Pugh, Owen, Lennard, Dearden.

HALIFAX (1) 2 (Downes, McHale pen.)
GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Czuczman pen.) 2,229
 Halifax: Gennoe; Smith, Collins, McHale, Rhodes (Harris), Phelan, Jones, McGill, Bullock, Downes, Pugh.
 Grimsby: Wainman; Marley (Wigg), Booth, Young, Czuczman, Gray, Lewis, Barton, Partidge, Boylen, Cumming.

PRESTON (0) 5 (Smith 2, Treacy, Elwiss 2)
SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Parker) 5,210
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Williams, Doyle, Sadler, Lawrenson, Bruce, Brown, Treacy, Elwiss, Smith.
 Southend: Webster; Worthington, Ford, Little, Hadley, Dyer, Fogg, Cunningham, Parker, Silvester, Nicholl.

ROTHERHAM (0) 2 (Habbin, Gwyther)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 4,404
 Rotherham: McAlister; Green, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Spencer (Derrett), Finney, Habbin, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Knight, Ley, Wiltshire, Shipperley, Tydeman, Emanuel (Hilton), Fogarty, Richardson, Westwood, Durrell.

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Bates)
WALSALL (0) 1 (Wright) 9,085
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Durban, Griffin, Turner, Irvine, Atkins, Kearney, Bates, McGregor (Haywood).
 Walsall: Kearns; Fry, Harrison, Robinson, Hynd, Taylor, Dennehy, Andrews, Wright, Buckley, Evans.

SWINDON (0) 0
HEREFORD (1) 1 (Davey) 10,691
 Swindon: Barron; Taylor, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows, Proffitt, Syrett, Dixon, Eastoe, McLaughlin, Anderson.
 Hereford: Charlton; Emery, Ritchie, Layton, Galley, Lindsay, Paine, Tyler, Davey, McNeil (Silkman), Carter.

DIVISION IV

DONCASTER (1) 2 (O'Callaghan, Miller)
BARNSLEY (1) 2 (Felton, Butler) 8,250
 Doncaster: Peacock; Robinson, Brookes, Chappell, Creamer, Wignall, Miller, Murray, O'Callaghan, Kitchen, Balderstone (Alesinloye).
 Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Gorry, Doyle, Burke, Pickering, Felton, Butler, Price, Otulakowski, Brown.

SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 (Wigginton pen., O'Connor)
TRANMERE (1) 2 (Philpotts, Mathias) 3,049
 Scunthorpe: O'Meara; Markham, Peacock, Money, Wigginton, Irvine, Collier, Keeley, Davidson, Green, O'Connor (Charney).
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Griffiths, Philpotts, Palios, Peplow, Mitchell, Moore, Tynan, James (Kenny).

WATFORD (1) 1 (Coffill)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 4,888
 Watford: Rankin; How, Walsh, McCarthy, Bristow, Garner, Bond, Coffill, Horsfield, Jenkins, Downes.
 Cambridge: Walker; Batson, Fallon, Lyon, Eades, Seddon, Seary (Howell), Spriggs, Horsfall, Shinton, Biley.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

DIVISION I

LEICESTER (0) 0
Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Thomas) 24,340
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Kember, Blockley, Woollett, Waller, Lee, Worthington, Alderson, Garland (Sammels).
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, McLintock, Webb, Thomas, Francis, Masson, Bowles, Givens.

MAN. UTD (1) 1 (Pearson)
DERBY (0) 1 (Rioch) 59,632
 Man. U: Stepany; Forsyth, Houston, Daly, Greenhoff, Buchan, Coppell, McIlroy, Pearson, Macari, Hill (McCreery).
 Derby: Moseley; Thomas, Nish, Rioch, McFarland, Todd, Powell, Gemmill, Hector, George, James.

DIVISION II

CHELSEA (2) 2 (Cooke, Locke)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 12,709
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Stanley, Wicks, Hay, Britton, Wilkins (R), Finnieston, Swain, Cooke.
 Portsmouth: Lloyd; Lawler, Wilson, Macken, Went, Cahill, McGuinness, Piper, Graham, Busby, Mellows.

W.B.A. (1) 2 (Brown, T., Robertson)
OXFORD (0) 0 14,159
 W.B.A.: Osborne; Mulligan, Cantello, Brown (T), Robson, Robertson, Martin, Brown (A), Mayo, Giles, Johnston.
 Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Aylott, Lowe, Clarke (C), Briggs, Jeffrey, Foley, Clarke (D), McCulloch, Duncan (Gibbins).

DIVISION III

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Livermore)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Williams) 9,129
 Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Charles, Pethard, Morgan, Larmour, Buchanan, Livermore, Evans, Alston, Anderson.
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Tartt, Griffiths, Ridley, Lees, Dulson, Williams, Beech, Cullerton, Bailey, Brownbill.

MILLWALL (0) 4 (Walker, Salvage, Seaman, Hazell)
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Richardson) 5,904
 Millwall: Goddard; Evans, Moore, Brisley, Kitchener, Hazell, McGrath, Seaman, Summerill, Walker, Salvage.
 Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt, Wallace (J), Earls (Warnock), Goldthorpe, Richardson, Brown, Morrissey, Howarth, Bell, Crosby.

Sheff. Wed. v Chesterfield postponed

DIVISION IV

EXETER 0
TORQUAY 0 8,112
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hooker, Morrin, Saxton, Hatch, Wingate, Bowker, Robertson, Beer, Jordan.
 Torquay: Lee; Lynch, Chatterley, Twitchin, Kruse, Boulton, Provan (Morrali), Rudge, Lane, Brown, Kennedy.

LINCOLN (2) 6 (Neale 2, Ellis, Bowery, Woodcock, Ward)

SOUTHPORT (0) 0 8,080

Lincoln: Grotler; Branfoot, Leigh, Neale, Ellis Cooper, Booth (Fleming), Ward, Bowery, Smith, Woodcock.

Southport: Johnson; Sibbald, Johnson, O'Neil, Higham, Taylor, Dewsnip, Hughes, Galley, Wilson, Martin.

READING (0) 1 (Friday)

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 6,288

Reading: Death; Peters, Moreline, Henderson, Hetzke, Youlenden, Cooper, Hiron, Friday, Whitham, Cumming (Dunphy).

Hartlepool: Richardson; Smith (R), Goad, Potter, Rowlands, Jacques, Honour, Smith (D), Moore, Spelman, Scaife.

WORKINGTON (1) 1 (Murray)

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 1,135

Workington: Hughes; Kisby, Heslop, Geidmantis, Johnston (Walker), Dawes, Harris, Ellison, Murray, Donaghy, Kavanagh.

Northampton: Starling; Gregory, Tucker, Best, Robertson, Carlton, Farrington, Mayes, Martin, Phillips (Christie), McGowan.

SCOTTISH CUP Fourth Round Replays

DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Wallace)

PARTICK (0) 0

Dumbarton: Williams; Mullen, Watt, Smith, McKinley, Muir, McLean, Brown, Bourke, Wallace, Graham.

Partick: Herriot; Hansen (J), Kellachan, Campbell, Rooney, Marr, Houston (Fitzpatrick), Joe Craig, McQuade, Somner, John Craig.

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0

HIBS (2) 2 (Spalding, Edwards)

Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Forsyth, Houston, Narey, Hall, Fleming, Hegarty, McAdam, Reid.

Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Schaedler, Stanton, Spalding, Blackley, Edwards, Bremner, McLeod, Munro, Duncan.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

DIVISION II

CHARLTON (2) 4 (Owen o.g., Hales, Hope, Powell)

CARLISLE (2) 2 (Owen, Martin) 10,370

Charlton: Wood; Berry, Young (D), Bowman, Giles, Curtis, Powell, Hales, Hope, Flanagan, Young (T).

Carlisle: Ross; Spearritt, Gorman, Barry, Carr, Owen, Lathan, Train, Clarke, Laidlaw, Martin.

DIVISION III

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0

HEREFORD (2) 3 (McNeil, Carter, Davey) 14,106

Peterborough: Steele; Murray, Walker, Eustace, Turner, Carmichael, Nixon, Gregory, Moss, Hughes, Robson.

Hereford: Charlton; Emery, Ritchie, Layton, Galley, Lindsay, Paine, Spirling, Davey, McNeil, Carter.

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Pountney)

C. PALACE (1) 2 (Wall, Taylor pen.) 13,500

Southend: Webster; Worthington, Ford, Little, Hadley, Moody, Foggo, Pountney, Parker, Silvester, Nicholl.

C. Palace: Hammond; Wall, Cannon, Jeffries, Holder, Evans, Chatterton, Hinchelwood (M), Whittle, Swindlehurst, Taylor.

WALSALL (1) 4 (Buckley 3, 1 pen., Andrews)

GILLINGHAM (0) 0 5,493

Walsall: Kearns; Fry, Harrison, Robinson, Hynd, Taylor, Dennehy, Andrews, Wright, Buckley, Evans.

Gillingham: Hillyard; Knight, Ley, Wiltshire, Hill, Tydeman, Jacks (Hilton), Fogarty, Weatherley, Westwood, Durrell.

DIVISION IV

DONCASTER (2) 3 (Kitchen 2, 1 pen., O'Callaghan)

DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Webb, Sinclair) 5,587

Doncaster: Peacock; Reed, Brookes, Chapell, Creamer, Wignall, Miller, Murray, O'Callaghan, Kitchen, Balderstone.

Darlington: Ogley; Nattress, Cochrane, Lees, Craig, Blant, Lowrey (Cattrell), Sinclair, Webb, Young, Coulson.

NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Mayes, Martin pen.)

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (O'Connor) 6,804

Northampton: Starling; Gregory, Tucker, Best, Robertson, Carlton (Martin), Farrington, Mayes, Hall, McGowan, Stratford.

Scunthorpe: O'Meara; Markham, Peacock, Money, Wigginton, Irvine, Collier, Keeley, Davidson, Green, O'Connor.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

LEAGUE CUP FINAL

MAN. CITY (1) 2 (Barnes, Tueart)

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Gowling) 100,000

Man. C: Corrigan; Keegan, Donachie, Doyle, Watson, Oakes, Barnes, Booth, Royle, Hartford, Tueart.

Newcastle: Mahoney; Nattress, Kennedy, Barrowclough, Keeley, Howard, Burns, Cassidy, Macdonald, Gowling, Craig (T).

DIVISION I

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Francis pen.)

NORWICH (0) 1 (Peters) 22,359

Birmingham: Latchford; Page, Styles, Kendall, Gallagher, Burns, Emmanuel, Francis, Withe, Hatton, Calderwood.

Norwich: Keelan; Powell, Sullivan, McGuire, Forbes, Stringer, Steele, MacDougall, Boyer, Suggitt, Peters.

BURNLEY (1) 2 (Flynn 2)

ASTON VILLA (2) 2 (Graydon, Gray) 17,123

Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Newton, Rodaway, Waldron, Thomson, Morris, Hankin, Fletcher, Flynn, Summerbee.

Villa: Burridge; Gidman, Robson, Ross, Overton, Phillips, Graydon, Little, Gray, McDonald, Carrodus.

COVENTRY (0) 0

LEEDS (0) 1 (Gray, F.) 25,563

Coventry: Blyth; Oakey, Cattlin, Craven, Dugdale, Coop, Powell, Ferguson (Green), Cross, Murphy, Hutchison.

Leeds: Harvey; Reaney, Gray (F), Bates, Madeley, Hunter, McKenzie, Cherry, Jordan, Yorath, Gray (E) (Clarke).

DERBY (0) 1 (George pen.)

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Kennedy) 32,800

Derby: Moseley; Thomas, Nish, Newton, McFarland, Todd, Powell (Davies), Gemmill, Hector, George, James.

Liverpool: Clemence; Smith, Neal, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Keegan, Case, Heighway, Fairclough, Callaghan.

EVERTON (3) 3 (Telfer 2, Hamilton)

WOLVES (0) 0 21,827

Everton: Lawson; Bernard, Darracott, Lyons, McNaught, Buckley, Hamilton, Dobson, Telfer, Goodlass, Jones (G).

Wolves: Parkes; Sunderland, Parkin, Hibbitt, Munro, McAlle, Daley, Carr, Richards, Gould, Farley (Kindon).



The Players' Young Player of the Year, Peter Barnes scored for Manchester City at Wembley.

MAN. UTD (0) 4 (Forsyth, Macari, McCreery, Pearson)

WEST HAM (0) 0 57,240

Man. U: Stepany; Forsyth, Houston, Daly, Greenhoff, Buchan, Coppell, McIlroy (McCreery), Pearson, Macari, Hill.

West Ham: Day; McDowell, Lock, Bonds, Taylor (T), McGiven, Taylor (A) (Jennings), Paddon, Curbishley, Brooking, Robson.

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Radford) 20,000

Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Cooper, Souness, Boam, McAndrew, Boersma (Woof), Mills, Hickton, Maddren, Armstrong.

Arsenal: Rimmer; Rice, Nelson, Ross, Mancini, Powling, Armstrong, Ball, Radford, Kidd, Brady.

SHEFF. UTD 0

Q.P.R. 0 21,949

Sheff. U: Brown; Franks, Garner, Flynn, Colquhoun (Edwards), Speight, McGeady, Calvert, Guthrie, Currie, Woodward.

Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, McLintock, Webb, Thomas, Leach, Masson, Bowles, Givens.

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Chivers)

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Kember) 21,427

Tottenham: Jennings; Naylor, Stead, Pratt (Coates), Young, Osgood, Hoddle, Perryman, Chivers, Robinson, Neighbour.

Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Kember, Blockley, Woollett, Weller, Lee, Worthington, Alderson, Samuels.

DIVISION II

BOLTON (1) 1 (Thompson)

HULL (0) 0 21,789

Bolton: Siddall; Ritson, Dunne, Greaves, Jones (P), Allardyce, Byrom (Walsh), Whatmore, Jones (G), Reid, Thompson.

Hull: Wealands; Daniel, Devries, Galvin, Croft, Roberts, Grimes, Hawley, Fletcher (Hemmerman), Wood, Sunley.

BRISTOL R (1) 1 (Taylor)

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Smith) 6,686

Bristol R: Eadie; Bater, Williams, Day, Taylor, Pullis, Stephens, Smith, Warboys, Bannister, Evans.

Blackpool: Wood; Hatton, Harrison, McEwan, Suddaby, Hart, Ainscow, Weston, Walsh, Bentley, Smith.

CHELSEA (1) 3 (Wilkins, R. 2, Finnieston)

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Oates) 14,855

Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Stanley, Wicks, Hay, Britton, Wilkins (R) (Langley), Finnieston, Swain, Cooke.

Blackburn: Jones; Wilkinson, Bailey, Metcalfe, Hawkins, Fazackerley, Hoy (Kenyon), Oates, Beamish, Parkes, Hird.

LUTON (0) 2 (Moncur o.g., Futcher, R.)

SUNDERLAND (0) 0 15,338

Luton: Barber; John Ryan, Buckley, Chambers, Faulkner, Futcher (P), Husband, King, Futcher (R), West, Fuccillo.

Sunderland: Montgomery; Malone, Bolton, Towers, Clarke, Moncur, Kerr, Ashurst, Holden, Robson, Finney (Greenwood).

NOTT F (2) 4 (Butlin, O'Neil 2, Curran pen.)

OLDHAM (1) 3 (Shaw, Bell, Hicks) 11,509

Nott F: Wells; Gunn, Clark, McGovern, Chapman, Bowyer, Curran, O'Neil, O'Hare, Butlin, Robertson.

Oldham: Platt; Wood, Whittle, Bell, Edwards, Holt, Blair (Chapman), Shaw, Dungworth, Hicks, Groves.

ORIENT (1) 2 (Cunningham, Queen)

FULHAM (0) 0 7,558

Orient: Jackson; Roffey, Payne, Alder, Hoadley, Walley, Cunningham, Grealish (Everett), Queen, Possee, Heppollette.

Fulham: Mellor; James, Strong, Mulvey, Lacy, Moore, Lloyd, Conway (Bullivant), Busby, Slough, Barrett.

OXFORD (0) 2 (Tait 2)

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Mariner, McAuley) 5,778

Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Shuker, Lowe, Clarke (C), Jeffrey, Houseman, Foley, Clarke (D) (Gibbins), Tait, Duncan.

Plymouth: Furnell; Darke, Burrows, Sutton, Green, Horswill, Foster, Johnson, Mariner, Rafferty, McAuley.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Kamara)

NOTTS CO (1) 3 (Bradd 2, Scanlon) 9,135

Portsmouth: Lloyd; Lawler, Wilson, Macken, Cahill, Busby, McGuinness (Foster), Piper, Graham, Kamara, Mellows.

Notts Co: McManus; Brindley, O'Brien, Probert, Needham, Stubbs, Bolton, Sims (Winter), Bradd, Mann, Scanlon.

YORK (1) 2 (Cave, Hinch)

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Channon) 3,777

York: Crawford; Scott, Downing, Holmes.

James, Topping, Pollard, Cave, Hinch, McMordie, Woodward.

Southampton: Turner; Rodrigues, Peach, Holmes, Blyth, Steele, Fisher, Channon, Gilchrist, McCalliog, Stokes.

W.B.A. v Bristol C, postponed

DIVISION III

ALDERSHOT (1) 3 (Warnock, Derrett o.g., Bell)

ROTHERHAM (0) 0 3,538

Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt, Wallace (J), Walker, Goldthorpe, Richardson, Walton, Morrissey, Howarth, Bell, Warnock.

Rotherham: McAllister; Green, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Derrett, Finney, Gwyther, Habbins, Goodfellow, Crawford.

CARDIFF (0) 2 (Alston, Buchanan)

CHESTER (0) 0 10,000

Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Charles, Buchanan, England, Morgan, Sayer, Livermore, Evans, Alston, Anderson (Pethard).

Chester: Millington; Mason, Loska, Delgado Dunleavy, Draper, Redfern, Pugh, Owen, Lennard (Moore), Crossley.

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Partridge)

SWINDON (0) 0 5,218

Grimsbay: Wainman; Marley, Booth, Waters, Czuczman, Gray, Barton, Partridge, Lewis, Boylen, Wigg.

Swindon: Barron; Butler, Trollope, Stroud (Syrett), Burrows, Prophett, Moss, Dixon, Eastoe, McLaughlin, Anderson.

HALIFAX (0) 0

BURY (2) 2 (Woolfall, Rowland) 3,606

Halifax: Gennoe; Smith (A), Collins, McHale, Velich, Phelan, Jones (A), McGill, Bullock, Jones (G), Pugh (Downes).

Bury: Forrest; Hoolickin, Kennedy, Nicholson, Hulme, Bailey, Woolfall, Phillips, Rowland, Spence (McIlwraith), Williams.

MILLWALL (2) 2 (Evans, Salvage pen.)

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 6,476

Millwall: Goddard; Evans, Moore, Brisley, Kitchener, Hazell, McGrath, Seaman, Summerill, Walker, Salvage.

Chesterfield: Tingay; Badger, Burton, McEwan, Hunter, O'Neill, Welch, Cammack, Shanahan, Fern, Bentley.

PORT VALE (1) 3 (Cullerton, Brownbill, Bailey)

COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Dyer 2) 3,803

Port Vale: Connaughton; Tarrt, Griffiths, Ridley, Lees, Dulsan (Hobson), Williams, Beech, Cullerton, Bailey, Brownbill.

Colchester: Walker; Bright, Cook, Bunkell, Smith, Packer, Garwood (Leslie), Gough, Froggatt, Dominey, Dyer.

PRESTON (0) 0

MANSFIELD (0) 2 (Matthews, Clarke) 6,945

Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Williams, Doyle (Coleman), Sadler, Lawrenson, Bruce, Brown, Treacy, Elwiss, Smith.

Mansfield: Arnold; Pate, Foster (B), Matthews (Saxby), Mackenzie, Foster (C), McDonald, Eccles, Clarke, Hodgson, McCaffrey.

WREXHAM (1) 3 (Griffiths, Ashcroft, Tinnion)

BRIGHTON (0) 0 4,662

Wrexham: Lloyd; Evans, Fogg, Davis, May, Whittle, Tinnion, Sutton, Davies (Dwyer), Ashcroft, Griffiths.

Brighton: Grummitt; Tiler, Wilson, Machin, Rollings, Burnett, Towner, O'Sullivan, Binney, Morgan, Mellor.

Shrewsbury v Sheff Wed postponed

DIVISION IV

BARNLEY (2) 3 (Price, Doyle pen., Gorry)

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Scaife) 2,648

Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Gorry, Doyle, Burke, Pickering, Felton, Butler, Price (Harris), Otulakowski, Brown.

Hartlepool: Richardson; Smith (R), Goad, Potter, Rowlands, Jacques, Honour, Smith (D), Moore, Spelman (Bielby), Scaife.

BRADFORD C 0

SWANSEA 0 6,672

Bradford: Downsborough; Podd, Cooper, Johnson, Middleton, Fretwell, McGinley, Ingram, Cooke, Hall, Hutchins.

Swansea: Potter; Evans, Bartley, Smith, Bruton, Harris, Conway, Thomas, James, Bray, Curtis.

**CONTINUED NEXT WEEK
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RELEGATION doesn't always spell D-I-S-A-S-T-E-R



After one season in the Second Division Manchester United returned to the top League as Champions, losing only seven games on the way.

VERY soon, with the season drawing to its end, the threat of relegation will loom larger for a number of clubs who are edging nearer to the dreaded drop. Some will be rescued at the last moment, but for ten clubs the fight for survival will be lost and relegation will become stark reality.

The very word "relegation" strikes terror into the hearts of managers, players and fans alike, for the drop to a lower Division means not only loss of face but, what is even more important, serious financial set-backs because of diminished support.

At least, that is how it must seem at the time, but is it quite so bad? Is relegation the dismal disaster it's made out to be? It all depends. In many cases demotion can prove the exact reverse of disaster. In fact, it can be a blessing in disguise, as history shows.

In 1974 Manchester United and Norwich City lost their First Division status. For the Old Trafford Reds it was the sad but predictable end to

one of the most glorious periods in any club's history which saw the rise — and fall — of the world-conquering Sir Matt Busby side. It came as a shattering blow to the pride of the once crowned Champions of Europe.

But one man refused to join the mourners — Tommy Docherty, who has been given the onerous task of rebuilding United into another super-side. To the dour Scot relegation presented the sternest challenge of his 25 years in the big time and he accepted it with stoical optimism. "Don't worry. We'll be back again next season," he announced.

It sounded like wishful thinking but The Doc was as good as his word. Within 12 months United were riding high at the top of Division Two. Tragedy had been turned into triumph even though there were few changes in the squad. Relegation had proved the incentive, the turning point in United's slow decline. A disaster? Just the opposite — judging on this season's remarkable form of The Reds.

The same could be said of Norwich City, who also took a one-

season return ticket when they made the drop with United in 1974. Like United, City had a manager in John Bond of grit and grim determination, who refused to regard relegation as a disaster but merely a Becher's Brook that had to be overcome first time round.

There are so many other examples of quick returns which should provide incentive and encouragement to the clubs who have been engaged in this season's relegation struggles. Burnley for instance, who can recall previous experience.

In 1971 they lost their Division One spot after five undistinguished seasons in the upper class, but the drop gave Jimmy Adamson and his lads the opportunity to prove their fighting qualities and within two seasons they regained their senior section place as Champions of Division Two.

In 1969 Leicester City and Queens Park Rangers were "the drop-outs" from Division One. Twelve months later City narrowly missed promotion but at the end of the next season, under the leadership of Jimmy Bloomfield, they romped away with the Division Two Championship and climbed back among the big boys.

Incidentally, when they were

relegated in 1955 they took only two seasons to make a happy return.

Queens Park Rangers, who dropped with Leicester in 1969, did not manage to emulate The Citizens's two-season return trip, although the Londoners needed only four seasons before regaining top status.

But in view of what has happened since it seems quite obvious relegation did them no harm. It gave them the chance to rethink and rebuild so when they returned to Division One they were equipped to accept the challenge.

There is no denying the fact a season or two in a lower area does few clubs any real damage to their future. Ask Manchester City.

Twice since the War they have made a rapid recovery from relegation shock. In 1950 they shot back to Division One the following season. In 1963 they dropped once more, after a lean period of several seasons.

This was indeed a shattering blow, for their Old Trafford neighbours lifted the F.A. Cup that season, yet it proved a blessing in disguise to the City club, for although it took them three years to regain their place in the top set they

returned a far better team than before and proved it.

In 1968 City were League Champions; 1969 F.A. Cup winners and a year later lifted the League Cup and European Cup-Winners' Cup. Who said relegation was a disaster?

Leeds United can look back on a similar experience. Relegated in 1960 after three poor seasons they accepted their drop in status and began to rebuild. It was a slow, uphill battle but under manager Don Revie they reaped a rich reward.

In 1964 they leapt back into the senior section and began their remarkable run of success that has earned them the justified title of one of the greatest clubs of the century.

Even the drop from First to Third Division isn't necessarily the stark tragedy it may appear to be. Take the case of Aston Villa. In 1959 they fell into the Second Division but returned in one season to the senior section.

Unfortunately, they did not take advantage of their quick recovery and during the next few years Villa's proud reputation grew more and more faded.

Eventually, in 1967, abandoned by thousands of their fans, they dropped out yet again. Further gloom followed quickly.

In 1970 they crashed into the Third Division for the first time in the club's long and honoured history.

Disastrous was the verdict of the football writers — but was it? In the next season Villa began their fight back and narrowly missed promo-

The last time Burnley (dark shorts) were relegated, they bounced back within two seasons.



tion. However, one more season was enough and back into Division Two went the claret and blues.

Now the old fighting spirit really came to life — so did many of their formerly disgruntled fans! — and the end of last season saw them reclaim their rightful place in the upper class and also win the League Cup. Now the future looks secure.

Derby County dropped into Division Three (Northern) some years ago but two seasons was enough for them. They got out as quickly as they could. So did Ipswich Town who went down into Division Three in 1955 and climbed back in 1957 as the first step to a place among the top 22. Five seasons later they were League Champions.

It's true Ipswich slid back again

to Division Two in 1964 but their previous elevation to the top class proved their incentive to make a quick return, which they achieved in only four seasons. Since then Bobby Robson's boys haven't looked back.

Middlesbrough have also suffered the shock of a drop into Division Three. It happened in 1966. They picked themselves out of the mud and by the end of the very next season had romped back to Division Two to begin a remarkable run that eventually took them up once more into the top section in 1974.

Bolton Wanderers had their proud reputation severely smudged when they slumped into Division Three in 1971 for the first time, and saw their gates badly slump. It acted like a kick in the pants to The

Trotters and within two seasons they had regained their pride — and their fans.

Surely no one could say with any conviction relegation was a disaster to Derby, Ipswich, Middlesbrough or Bolton? Facts prove otherwise.

So clubs in the "dropping zone" this season should take heart. The last time Sheffield United were relegated from Division One (1968) they returned in three seasons.

Wolves, demoted in 1965, regained top status two years later and Portsmouth's last trip to Division Three in 1961 was short and sweet — just one season.

Ten clubs MUST go down, but if the spirit, the courage and determination are there, it need only be a short episode with a happy ending.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Wolverhampton Wanderers midfield star.

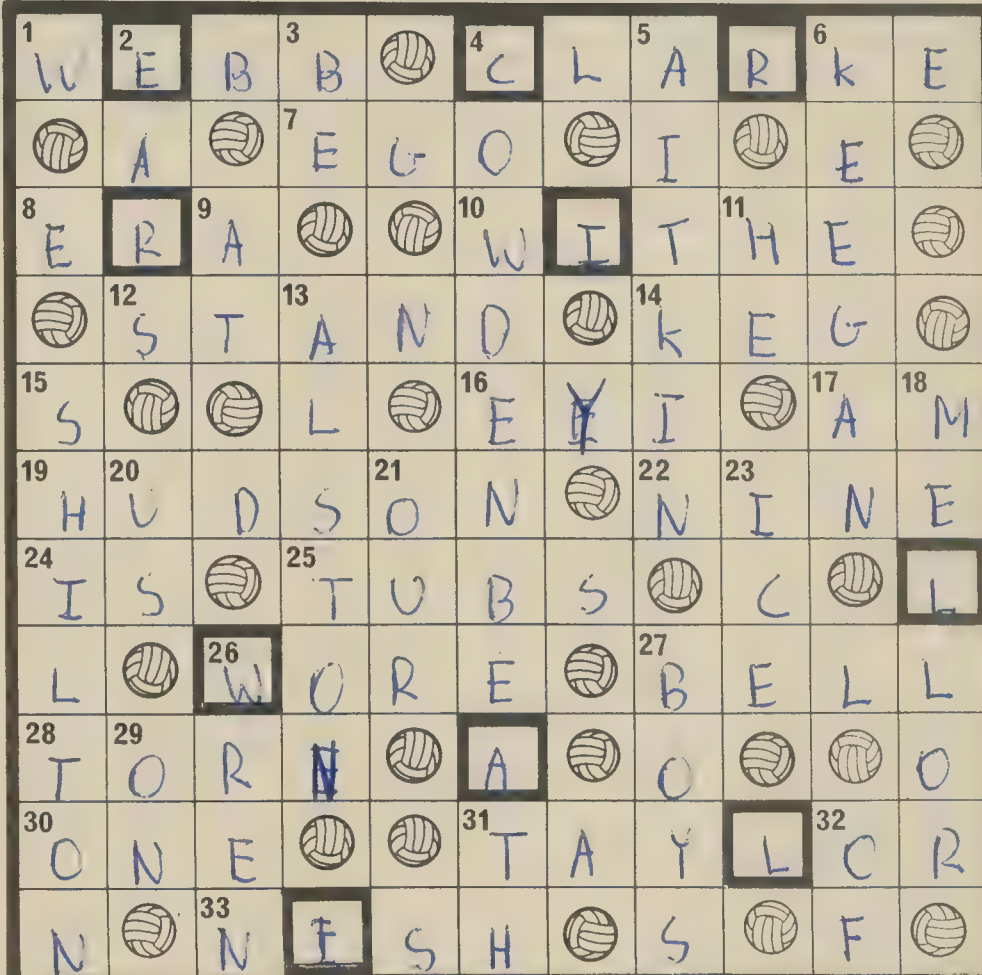
Answers on page 38.

Clues Across:—

- (1) David —, Queens Park Rangers' defender.
- (4) Allan —, Leeds and England striker.
- (7) Backward self missing from Craven C-tta—, Fulham.
- (8) Sund—I-nd.
- (10) Peter —, Birmingham City striker.
- (12) Covered seating area of the ground.
- (14) Gerard —e-an, Manchester City youngster.
- (16) Archi—St-l-s of Birmingham.
- (17) Chico H—ilton of Aston Villa.
- (19) Alan —, Stoke City midfield star.
- (22) The number of the centre-forward position.
- (24) —p-wich Town.
- (25) A-be-y —adi-m, home of Cambridge United. Containers made from the omitted letters.
- (26) St-wa-t Barr—clough (Newcastle). A word from the missing letters reversed.
- (27) Colin —, Manchester City midfielder player.
- (28) One's shirt might get thus in a hard tackle.
- (30) John Mah—y of Stoke.
- (31) Tommy or Alan —, of West Ham.
- (33) David —, Derby County full-back.

Clues Down:—

- (2) Stuart P——on of Manchester United.
- (3) —r-chin City.
- (4) Scottish Second Division club from Central Park.
- (5) Charlie —, Aston Villa full-back.
- (6) Kevin —, of Liverpool, England and SHOOT/GOAL.
- (9) Jimmy Pl—t, Middlesbrough goalkeeper.
- (11) Steve —ighway, of Liverpool.
- (13) Adrian —, Cardiff City striker.
- (15) Peter —, Stoke City 'keeper.
- (18) Peter —, Fulham 'keeper.
- (20) Frank Carrod—, of Aston Villa.
- (21) A.F.C. B—nemouth.
- (23) Can make the surface of the pitch very slippery in freezing weather.
- (26) Hen-y N—to—. Make a bird from the missing letters.
- (27) Mixed up lads missing from —hrews-ur- T-w-n.
- (29) Colin Wald—, of Burnley.
- (32) Queen — the South.



WILFIE CARR

WHILE only Wales carry Great Britain's flag in the senior European Championship, the Under-23's of England and Scotland try next week to reach the Semi-Finals of their tournament.

Scotland meet Holland at Easter Road, home of Hibs, on March 24th, while the night before Young England play their return against Hungary at Old Trafford.

Scotland played reasonably well in Breda last month when they lost 2-0, so a Semi-Final place is certainly not beyond them.

The good news for Willie Ormond is the Dutch will be without players from Champions PSV of Eindhoven because of club commitments.

Ormond says: "It's not over yet. The lads fought hard in Holland and they'll be motivated even more at home."

"We had our chances in the first-leg, but didn't take them. Even so, I'm confident we can pull back the deficit."

The man who caused the Scots most problems was Jan Peters, a real tiger in midfield who has also made his mark for the senior side.

The Scotland team must ensure Peters doesn't run the game as he did in Breda and Ormond may detail a "shadow" for the NEC star.

Scotland's hero was the often-criticised Birmingham City captain Kenny Burns. He showed the right spirit and it is ironic he was a late addition to the squad.

George Knobel, the Holland boss, says: "I'm pleased with the result from the first-leg, although I thought Scotland were a bit rough

Under-23 teams bid for Semi-Finals



Scotland's Willie Miller and Nico Jansen of Holland clash in Breda.

and too many incidents went unnoticed.

"I have problems with team-selection and I haven't much idea how my side will line-up next week. But there will be four or five changes from the first game."

Whatever his line-up, Knobel has said he will not use any young full internationals... such as World Cup stopper Wim Rijsbergen or possibly danger-man Peters.

The Dutch Press were critical of their team, but there is no denying Holland scored two fine goals, by Jan van Deinsen and Kees Kist.

Scotland surprised the Dutch in Breda by playing an attacking formation. It took the men in orange some time to adjust to the Scots' tactics.

Obviously, with two goals to make up, Scotland must take chances next week. Gaps will be left which Holland could exploit.

Even so, Scotland have some fine defenders, like Aberdeen skipper Willie Miller and the Dutch could yet find themselves knocked out.

At Old Trafford, England can expect a good crowd to see the return against Hungary.

While Don Revie's "men" have disappointed at times this season, the "boys" have been impressive and urged on by the Stretford End, Britain's European Championship chances will be booming.

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TWO BIG-FEE SCOTS ON LIFE IN LONDON

CROSSTALK



David (left) in action v. Carlisle in a First Division game last season.



Alex (right) shoots for goal against Everton last September.

'At first, I didn't work as hard as I did at Celtic'

DAVID HAY

bought by Chelsea for £225,000

HAY: Well, Alex, it's nice to see you back in action again. We both seem to have had our share of problems since coming down to London. You were out for three months weren't you?

CROPLEY: Yes, I cracked a bone in my ankle last November and it didn't help when I received another knock on it in one of my comeback games for the reserves. You had a pretty serious injury yourself last year, didn't you?

HAY: Yes, I had an eye operation in the summer. It was a cataract and the doctors were surprised I'd even been able to continue playing. But it's perfectly okay now.

CROPLEY: I got pretty depressed sitting on the sidelines every week, especially with the team doing so badly. I felt so helpless. I must admit I got pretty homesick and at times I used to ask myself what on earth I was doing down here.

HAY: I know exactly how you felt. I was playing pretty badly, as well as having a few injuries and I'd sit and mope and wonder if I'd done the right thing leaving Scotland. But I didn't really want to leave Chelsea and I wanted to prove myself to the knockers.

CROPLEY: I'm sure I did the right thing joining Arsenal, but it's easy to

get doubts when you're out for a long time. The club must have known how I felt because they sent me home to Scotland for a few weeks. Seeing all my friends and family again made me feel a lot better.

HAY: Now you're back, what are the main differences you have found here compared with back home?

CROPLEY: There's no comparison is there? The whole set-up and organisation down here is so much better. And from a playing point of view, as you know, the standard's much higher.

HAY: I wouldn't say there was much difference in standard between the top Scottish clubs and the top English ones. But I would agree Scotland hasn't got anywhere near as many good sides.

CROPLEY: Yes, when I was at Hibernian I used to think there were only three or four who could give us a hard game at home, although the away games were tougher. But from what I've heard of the new Premier League things are much more competitive now.

HAY: How have you settled in London? Do you find things different socially?

CROPLEY: I miss going out with my

pals on a Saturday night but generally I've settled reasonably well. It's my wife who really misses Scotland. She gets quite homesick at times. But we've a club house in Southgate and Brian Kidd and his wife are only a few doors away so we see them quite often.

HAY: I've a house in Epsom now and my family are very happy there. But it was seven months before they were able to move down and it was pretty miserable while I was here on my own. I used to live for the weekends when I could get back to see them.

CROPLEY: Did you find that was affecting your game?

HAY: I suppose it was a factor but there was a combination of things really. The big fee affected me. I thought, well they've paid all that money for me so I must be good. At first I didn't work as hard as I used to at Celtic. But I realise you've got to strive for success now and since I've been back I've been putting in some extra training.

CROPLEY: It doesn't help when the team are struggling, either. I think I'd settled in fairly well before my injury but we've a job on to get out of trouble. We've had some bad luck with injuries but there's no point

'The set-up down here is so much better'

ALEX CROPLEY

who came from Hibs to Arsenal for £150,000

making excuses. We've obviously got a few problems to sort out.

HAY: You're in the same position as we were last year — fighting against relegation from the First Division. I hope you're more successful than us.

CROPLEY: Thanks. Talking of the Second Division, what's the biggest difference you've found there?

HAY: I really miss the big atmosphere, playing at places like Anfield. That was why we enjoyed our F.A. Cup run so much, getting the crowds back in again.

CROPLEY: Like me, you haven't played for Scotland since you've been in London have you? Do you miss that a lot?

HAY: It's only when you're out of the side you realise how much it means to you. When I was at Celtic I was always in the Scottish squad and I took it for granted. Now I'm hoping I might get back for the Home Championships. Perhaps we'll find ourselves teaming up there?

CROPLEY: Hope so, David. But at the moment I'm just aiming to get back to my best form and to help Arsenal climb higher up the Division One table.



JOE ROYLE
Manchester City

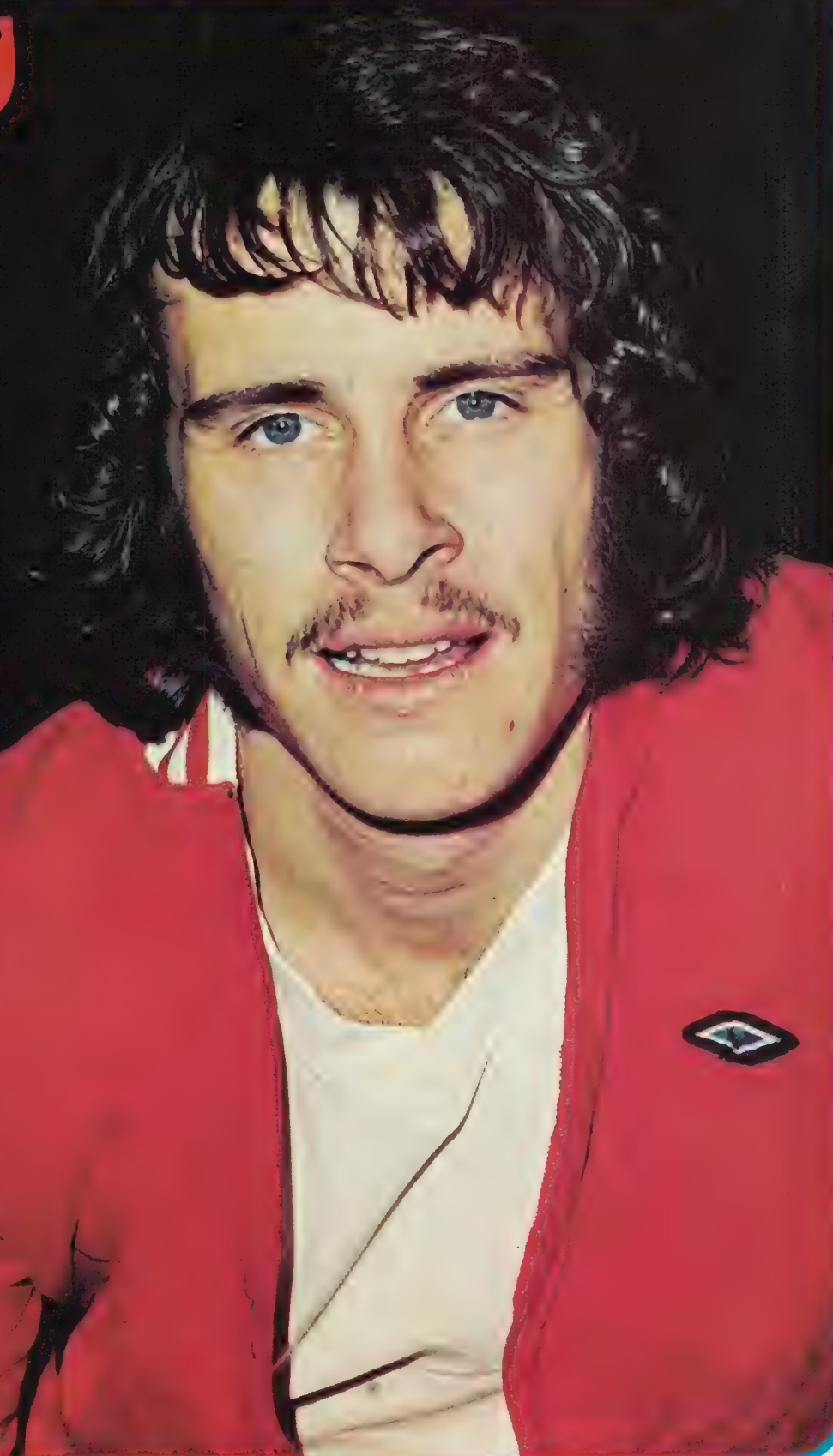
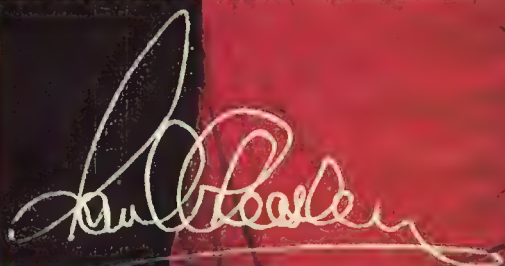
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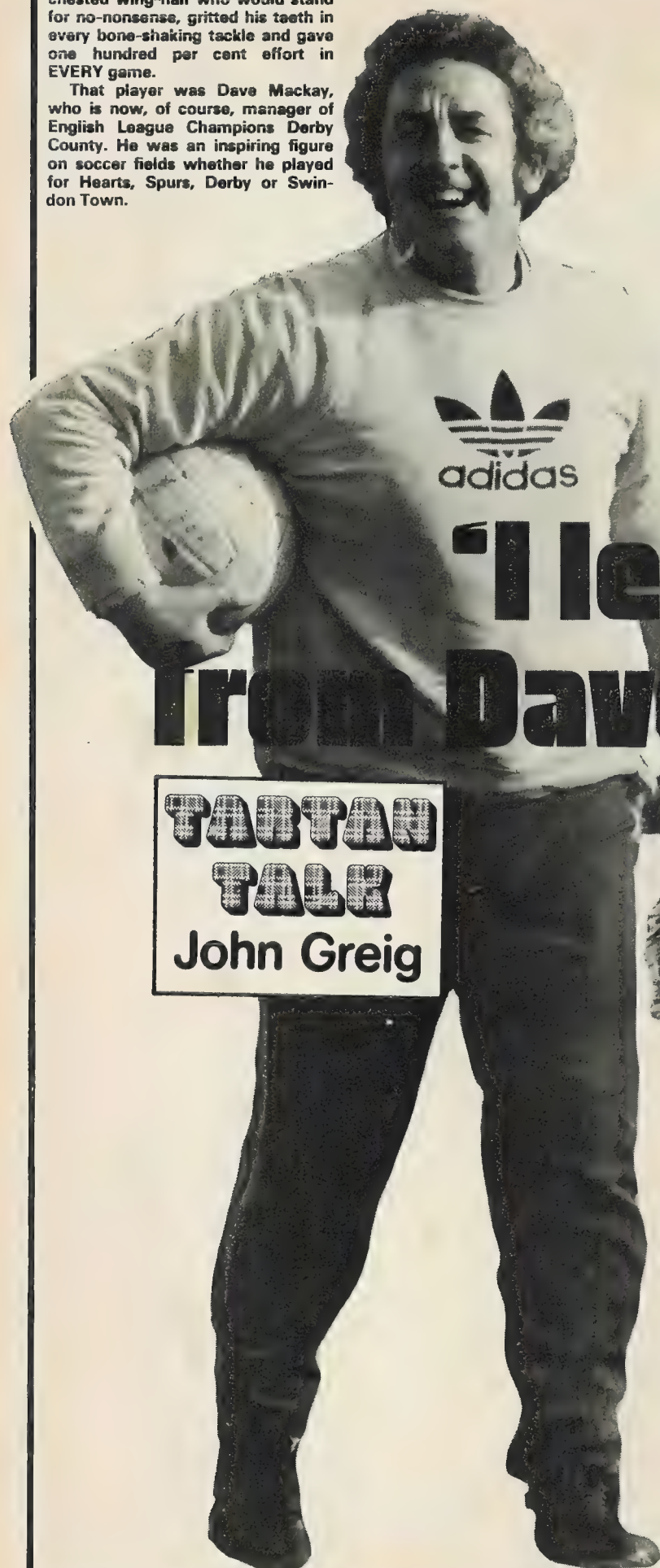
Bristol City

FULL NAME: Paul Martyn Cheesley
BIRTHPLACE: Bristol
BIRTHDATE: 20th October, 1953
HEIGHT: 6ft 1in
WEIGHT: 12st 12lb
PREVIOUS CLUB: Norwich City
MARRIED: Yes
CHILDREN: None yet
CAR: Cortina 1600E
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Kevin Keegan
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS: Bristol City reserves and youth
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All centre-halves
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: League Cup Semi-Final second-leg for Norwich City against Chelsea, when we won 1-0 to reach Wembley
BIGGEST THRILL: Scoring for Bristol City
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not gaining promotion last season
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: England
FAVOURITE FOOD: Cooked breakfasts
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Fishing, driving, music
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Onions, waiting-rooms, bad drivers
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Tom and Jerry, all sports programmes
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Stevie Wonder, Moody Blues, Deep Purple, John Denver
FAVOURITE ACTORS / ACTRESS: Jerry Lewis, Clint Eastwood, Raquel Welch
BEST FRIENDS: Roger Thomas (Unigate Milkman Supervisor) and our goalkeeper Ray Cashley
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: The players and staff at both my clubs
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing, being injured, not scoring
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None yet!
PERSONAL AMBITION: To succeed in soccer
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To help Bristol City gain promotion
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A tenant publican
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Muhammad Ali



ONE of the best players I have ever seen was a barrel-chested wing-half who would stand for no-nonsense, gritted his teeth in every bone-shaking tackle and gave one hundred per cent effort in EVERY game.

That player was Dave Mackay, who is now, of course, manager of English League Champions Derby County. He was an inspiring figure on soccer fields whether he played for Hearts, Spurs, Derby or Swindon Town.



**TARTAN
TALK**
John Greig

The man was football-crazy, living for the game and refusing to quit even after a twice broken leg. Mackay was a hard but fair man. It has always been one of my regrets I didn't play beside him more often in the international side.

Unfortunately, Mackay was in the twilight of his international career as I was embarking on mine. One game I did play alongside him was in October, 1965, at Windsor Park, Belfast, against Northern Ireland.

It was a tough match, played in muddy conditions, but Mackay drove us on throughout the 90 minutes and although we eventually lost 3-2 I'll never forget his display that afternoon.

I wonder how many of SHOOT/GOAL's younger readers will recognise the names in the Scottish team which played that day. Here is how we lined-up: Bill Brown (Spurs), Alex Hamilton (Dundee), Eddie McCreadie (Chelsea), Mackay (Spurs), Billy McNeill (Celtic), myself, Willie Henderson (Rangers), Denis Law

Lane, but nothing came of it. I bet Derby fans are delighted!

I have tried to combine Mackay's qualities in my own play, although I stress I have never tried to copy his style. I simply admire players who get on with the game and don't waste time faking injury or other silly antics that can often lead them to getting a fellow-professional in trouble with the referee. I have no time whatsoever for such players.

Fourth Meeting

Anyway, like I said earlier, Hearts were my boyhood favourites and I always get an extra-special thrill when I play against them. On Saturday, March 20th, the Edinburgh men take us on at Ibrox in the Premier League, for the fourth time this season.

Strangely, we have beaten them twice away from home and lost once in Glasgow. Make sense of that if you can!

In the first game we beat them 2-0 through own-goals by Alan

'I learned a lot from Dave Mackay'



Anderson and Don Murray. Then they came to Glasgow and two goals from Willie Gibson gave them victory. We got revenge when Martin Henderson scored twice to give us the points in Edinburgh.

Now we're looking forward to picking up maximum points again. We left it late in getting our win in the last game. Henderson put us ahead with a header, but Tom Forsyth unfortunately put one past our big Peter McCloy for their equaliser. Then came our winner which was magnificently made and superbly executed.

Tommy McLean, who has figured in so many of our goals this season, was the architect with a perfectly-guided lob over two defenders into the path of Henderson and the youngster kept his head, looked up and then gave goalkeeper Jim Cruickshank no chance with a sizzling shot.

I'm hoping Martin hits another couple like that on Saturday. That's all for this week, see you in a fortnight. Stay safe...

John Greig

(Manchester United), Alan Gilzean (Spurs), Jim Baxter (Sunderland) and John Hughes (Celtic).

Looking through that line-up I realise I am the only one who is still playing in British soccer. Long may I continue!

I mention Mackay because he has qualities I admire in a player. I have already said he was a hard man. He would never hold back in a 50-50 tackle. He would have thought that unfair, that he wasn't giving his club, the players or the fans their money's worth.

Mackay, of course, started his career with the club I idolised as a youngster, Hearts. In fact, there were reports the Tynecastle club tried to bring Mackay back to Scotland after he had left White Hart

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S KENNY DAL-
GLISH NEXT WEEK**

THEY FILL THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE'S PROBLEM POSITION

PETER LATCHFORD CELTIC



IT'S been called the jinx position of Scottish soccer... the position that seems to haunt players. The hoodoo role is that of Celtic goalkeeper and its recent history is filled with hopefuls who seem to have been doomed to failure.

Since the amazing Ronnie Simpson retired Celtic have tried to find a suitable replacement, but just when things have looked settled, with the man in possession gaining in confidence, the dreaded jinx has struck again.

John Fallon, Bent Martin, Tom Lally, Gordon Marshall, Evan Williams, Graham Barclay, Denis Connaghan and Ally Hunter were all tried in the position since 1969, but Celtic still weren't satisfied with their efforts and went to England last season on the recommendation of Don Revie to fix-up West Brom's

manent basis. He started the season well... then, suddenly and without warning, the hoodoo hit again. In the Scottish Cup game against Motherwell at Fir Park, with Celtic leading 2-0, he failed to cut out a free-kick from the right and Bobby Graham pulled one back. Soon after this Ian Taylor hit a happy-go-lucky free-kick at the Celtic goal from 25 yards.

There was a slight deflection, but Latchford still looked as though he would gather it safely. Somehow it

Dream games and a nightmare

Under-23 cap Peter Latchford on loan.

Latchford baffled the Parkhead fans. In his debut game against Hibs he blundered early in the game to let Arthur Duncan score and the Edinburgh men went on to win 2-1.

In his Parkhead debut he lost the silliest goal of the season when he went out to collect a harmless-looking 45-yard free-kick from Partick Thistle left-back Danny Kellachan. To the Celtic players' dismay he completely mistimed his jump and the ball sailed over his head and into the net.

Yet in that same game he made some heroic saves as Celtic eventually won 3-2. However, Latchford was on the losing Celtic side six times in his ten League games. Such a record was unheard of in Scotland!

In true, astonishing fashion Latchford picked up a Scottish Cup-winners' medal when he helped Celtic beat Airdrie 3-1 in the Final at Hampden. He dealt competently with everything that was thrown at him that afternoon and couldn't be faulted with Airdrie's solitary goal.

During the close season Celtic paid out £35,000 for him and he returned to Parkhead on a per-

managed to squirm from his grasp and crawl under his body and into the net. Willie Pettigrew hit the clincher and Cup holders Celtic were out — and so was Latchford!

Acting manager Sean Fallon brought back Ally Hunter and the former international, who cost £45,000 from Kilmarnock, helped them to beat Dundee United 2-1. The following week, though, Fallon restored Latchford to the first-team to face Hearts.

"I have got to play my best players," said Fallon. "Peter Latchford is the best 'keeper I have at Parkhead and that is why he is back in the first-team."

Latchford had a shut-out as Celtic won 2-0, but the jinx seemed to strike again for days later when he gifted Leeds a goal in their 3-1 victory over a relatively inexperienced Parkhead outfit in the friendly in Glasgow.

Latchford undoubtedly has talent. He is big and brave and has a grip like a vice. However, he can be unpredictable as he has already proved.

He can succeed where the others have failed. The 22-year-old from West Brom deserves any success that comes his way.



MIKE McDONALD HIBS

although I am certainly not bitter after my comparatively short spell in England. Like I said earlier, although I didn't get many first-team games I'm certain I picked up a lot of useful information from Shilton and Banks.

"The move from Clydebank gave me the chance of go full-time. This, too, must have helped my game — I'm convinced of that. I realised my first-team chances with Stoke were limited when they signed Shilton.

"No club is going to pay out the sort of fee they did for a reserve, are they? Anyway, it was back into the stiffs for yours truly and I even had a battle for a place there!

"John Farmer — the other 'keeper with the club — obviously didn't want to give up that position. John, by the way, is another goalie I admire."

"There didn't seem any prospects with Stoke and that was why I was so delighted when I heard Eddie Turnbull — the Hibs boss, of course — was interested.

"I went to Easter Road to talk over terms after the clubs had agreed on a fee. I did a short spell of training, thought over the terms and was happy to sign on the dotted line. Now the rest is up to me."

Rave Notices

Mighty Mike McDonald — 6ft 3in and around 14st — was one of Scotland's most competent 'keepers when he was with Clydebank. He earned rave notices just about every week and Turnbull — the sort of dedicated manager who doesn't miss much — never forgot about McDonald's ability.

The goalkeeping position has been a headache for Turnbull over the years as boss of Hibs. He signed Jim Herriot shortly after arriving at Easter Road and the former international goalkeeper was a regular in the side — helping them to a League Cup triumph over Celtic three years ago — but when his form dropped Turnbull paid out almost £30,000 to Cowdenbeath for Jim McArthur.

McArthur delighted with his handling shortly after the transfer, but last season he, too, was hit by the 'jinx' and was dropped for several games with young reserve Hugh Whyte taking over. Whyte looked confident enough in his games, but then he conceded four goals to Motherwell at Fir Park — and he was out and McArthur was back in again.

Now McArthur and Whyte face the challenge of McDonald. May the best man win!

Helped by Stoke spell

PETER SHILTON could be the man with the answer to the goalkeeping problem that has dogged Hibs over recent seasons.

Stoke City fans can relax, though. The Easter Road club are not contemplating making a massive bid for the man who is already Britain's most expensive goalkeeper after the £325,000 move from Leicester City in November, 1974.

It is the advice of Peter that could enable Hibs to beat their number one hoodoo. When the Edinburgh club recently paid out £20,000 for Stoke's Scottish reserve goalkeeper Mike McDonald they bought a lot of Shilton's "help", too.

McDonald takes up the story: "Peter Shilton did much to help me with my goalkeeping. We may have been rivals for a first-team place at Stoke, but that never stopped Peter from trying to teach me everything he knew.

"I feel I am now a far better player than I was when I originally went South from Clydebank three seasons ago. Gordon Banks, too, did a lot to aid me. And you can't get better teachers than these two, can you?

"Now I only hope I can show with Hibs I have learned a thing or two from Shilton and Banks. This is my chance to get a regular first-team game again and I know Hibs are one of the best football-playing teams in Britain.

"I was glad to return to Scotland,

SINCE their League Championship win in 1970, Everton have given their tremendous supporters little to cheer about.

Now, they are crying out for success after being without any silverware for five years.

Obviously, Liverpool's reign on Merseyside has made Everton supporters even more disappointed and disillusioned.

Last season really looked to be the turning point for this great club.

After a term of settling in, manager Billy Bingham had built a team capable of winning a major honour.

In their first 21 League matches of 1974-75 they lost only once — and then faded.

At the start of this season Everton were humiliated on their own ground by Coventry City who thrashed them 4-1.

The side recovered from that nightmare and for a while were ideally placed to make a serious challenge for the Championship.

At the beginning of November they were sixth in the table, three points adrift of the leaders Manchester United and one behind Liverpool.

By the end of January they were out of the title race ... out of Europe ... out of the League Cup



Everton celebrate a goal against Leeds during last season's meeting at Goodison Park.

'WHY THE TOFFEES HAVEN'T

and out of the F.A. Cup. Suddenly there was nothing left to play for except pride. All their early season form, poise and consistency had disappeared ... Everton could do little right.

But what's happened at Goodison? Why have The Toffees failed to taste success once again?

Obviously, I don't know what goes on behind the scenes at the club and it's certainly not my place to tell a manager like Billy Bingham how he should run his team.

Looking at it from the outside I'd say one reason for Everton's present position is a change of playing policy. And the one they've adopted just hasn't paid off for them.

Last year they were going well as a side and getting results. But people were criticising them for being dull and defensive.

So Billy Bingham altered their image by introducing a more adventurous approach. Unfortunately, it hasn't worked out and they've fallen out of the reckoning for honours.

Everton have also had injury problems. I know injuries are an



Gary Jones ... not overawed by big-fee stars.

old excuse for lack of success, but in their case I'd say it's fully justified.

John Connolly, for example, was playing superb stuff when he came down from St. Johnstone in March, 1972, and was joint top scorer with Joe Royle in his first full season.

Since then he's suffered a twice

broken left leg, but thankfully he appears to be on his way back.

Jim Pearson, another former St. Johnstone star, has also been out with injury and now Bob Latchford, their £350,000 striker, will probably miss the rest of the season because of cartilage trouble.

Vulnerable

The club has also had a goal-keeping problem with Dai Davies and Dave Lawson both suffering periods of loss of form.

Apart from that Everton aren't strong defensively. They look vulnerable at the back.

Leeds exploited this weakness at Elland Road in November and we won 5-2.

Some people have condemned Billy Bingham for spending a fortune without achieving the results. But only someone blindly biased would deny the talents of Martin Dobson, Bob Latchford, Jim Pearson and David Smallman — all Bingham buys.

They are super players and any boss worth his salt would go after

them to strengthen his squad if he had the money.

Billy Bingham's biggest problem at the moment is to restore confidence and consistency ... get the players in the right frame of mind.

I don't know him personally. In fact, we've never spoken to each other, but from what I've been told Mr Bingham is totally honest and dedicated to restoring Everton to their former glories.

If I were in his position and my side had gone off the boil, I'd be positive in my thinking and try to coax the lads along.

I'd tell them every team goes through a bad patch and good sides like mine eventually come out of it a stronger, better outfit.

Any criticism I'd make would be constructive ... no verbal lashings or recriminations unless they were absolutely justified. If, for example, an individual was causing trouble and upsetting the rest of the players.

Naturally it's vital to get the side playing for each other. With team spirit comes confidence and the backing of the fans.

Put all those things together

and you'll go from strength to strength.

Recently there's been talk of dressing-room rows at Goodison ... discord behind the scenes ... a demand for Billy Bingham's head.

The Saturday following these outbursts Everton thrashed Wolves 3-0 at home, so perhaps the powderkeg wasn't ready to blow at all.

There are many fine players at Goodison apart from the big money buys.

The two I particularly admire are England Under-23 midfielder star Mick Buckley and young striker Gary Jones.

Mick works hard and has made rapid progress at the club since turning pro four years ago.

Jones refuses to be overawed by the expensive stars in the Everton line-up. He's certainly a lad with a big future in the game.

Like most players in the First Division I always look forward to visiting Goodison Park. There's so much atmosphere it cries out for good football.

Matches between Leeds and Everton are generally entertaining, although we don't seem to get much change out of them on their own patch.

They beat us 3-2 in last

season's corresponding fixture, a result which I believe put them in fourth position in the table. Leeds were about 19th at the time.

Games between our two clubs are generally worth seeing, but only two past clashes really stand out in my memory.

About 10 or 11 years ago a League match nearly had to be abandoned.

If I remember correctly the aggro was sparked off when their full-back Sandy Brown was ordered off early on.

Needle crept in as a result and some personal battles began. As they heated up the referee took off

both sides and told us to cool down.

After a few minutes he decided to continue the game with a stern warning that any further bother would result in early baths for the lot of us.

In the 1967-68 F.A. Cup Semi-Finals Leeds were drawn against The Toffees at Old Trafford.

We were level pegging among the top six in the First Division at the time, but in the Cup Everton had problems and were forced to field a scratch side.

Anyhow, Leeds were made firm favourites — but performed dreadfully and lost 1-0.

Heavily tipped to beat West Brom in the Cup Final, the Merseysiders went down by the only goal of the game scored by Jeff Astle in extra-time.

This Saturday at Goodison I'm expecting Leeds to get a result. With the title still a possibility single points are no good to us ... we've got to win every match.

Cheers for now ...

Billy Bremner

TASTED SUCCESS'

on the ball with
**BILLY
BREMNER**

FLASHBACK

25 Years Ago

Goalscoring Swede Hans Jeppson kept up his good form with a goal in Charlton's 3-2 win at Chelsea. But the big clash was when leaders Spurs met the previous season's Champions Portsmouth. And how the goal-shy 1976 Pompey team would like the scoring skills of big Duggie Reid. He is now the groundsman at Fratton Park, and in his playing days was a consistent scorer. In this match he put Pompey ahead only for Dennis Uphill to equalise. But the team that won all the headlines this week was Pegasus, a side comprised of Oxford and Cambridge University players, who beat Hendon 3-2 to reach the F.A. Amateur Cup Final. Formed three years earlier, they did not have a ground or a fixture list, but had beaten some of the finest amateur sides in the country. Top score was in Scotland where Dundee United beat Alloa 10-1.

20 Years Ago

It was to be the tale of two cities in the F.A. Cup Final this season. In the Semi-Finals, Manchester City beat Spurs 1-0 at Villa Park with a second half goal by Bobby Johnstone. At Hillsborough, Birmingham City had an easier victory when they beat Sunderland 3-0 with goals by Kinsey, Astall and Brown. In the First Division, leaders Manchester United drew 1-1 at Highbury. Cliff Holton scored for Arsenal and Dennis Viollett replied for United. Third (South) leaders Leyton Orient were watched by an 18,801 crowd at Brisbane Road and unless they were from Aldershot the fans went away happy as Orient romped home 8-3. Two of their goals were scored by Phil Woosnam. Phil went on to play for West Ham and Aston Villa and is now the driving force behind the emergence of the United States as a footballing country. Crystal Palace were put to the sword at Exeter as City centre-forward Alan Sword scored a hat-trick in a 6-1 victory.

10 Years Ago

European success in midweek for English clubs. West Ham drew 1-1 in Magdeburg (East Germany) and won 2-1 on aggregate to reach the Semi-Finals of the Cup-Winners' Cup. Chelsea drew 2-2 in their first-leg Quarter-Final match v T.S.V. Munich in West Germany. In the Fairs Cup, Fourth Round, first leg, Dunfermline won 1-0 in Scotland v Real Zaragoza. Needless to say, there was a packed house at Goodison Park to see leaders Liverpool draw 0-0. But for thrills galore, White Hart Lane was the place to be. At half-time Spurs led Villa 4-1, but in a magnificent match of cut and thrust, the Midlanders fought back and the game finished 5-5 with Tony Hateley scoring four for the visitors. Poor Hamilton made it 98 goals conceded after losing 7-1 at home to leaders Celtic.

IT takes a lot to wipe the smile off Harry Haslam's face. Even during these financially depressing days for Luton.

Says Harry: "I've always said it doesn't cost much to laugh. If it did, I'd be broke by now."

"Naturally, it's upsetting when all the stories start flying about. But so many of the rumours are way off target."

"I got all the players together recently and told them not to believe anything unless they heard it from me."

Ironically, since the news of Luton's drastic financial position became public, the team has taken on a new lease of life.

After seeming to drop right out of the promotion race in mid-season they started stringing victories together again are now back with an outside chance of promotion.

Haslam is convinced they have a realistic chance of doing so. "We've got a chance while we believe we can do it."

"From what I've seen of the

half Paul Futchter might be the next to be put on the market in a bid to mortgage the club's future.

Haslam denies it, saying:

"There's no point selling your car if you live 10 miles from the nearest bus stop. In the long run, the only answer to our problems is to have a winning side and we can't achieve that if we sell all our best players."

"The situation might arise where we have to sell somebody but it's certainly not our policy."

Luton themselves have filled the gap by bringing on a fine crop of youngsters.

Andy King has already made his mark in the first-team this season and now young Fuccillo is beginning to make a name for himself.

As the fans also start to get behind the club, one can understand the manager's optimism.

"If all the people who have sent us money came to the games we'd have the best gates in the world."

Harry Haslam's 'no sale' policy

other teams this season we've got as much right to think about promotion as anybody else.

"The lads here have done a first-class job, especially under the circumstances."

"The things happening at board level naturally filter through to the dressing-room, but the players have been magnificent and got on with the job of playing football. I wouldn't like to pick out any individuals. All the lads have worked hard together."

Time to Adjust

Despite the fact Luton made a promising start to the season, Haslam thinks it took the club time to adjust to Second Division football again after their brief flirtation with the First.

"It took us to Christmas last year to get to grips with it, and by then it was asking a lot to get out of trouble."

"Now we're adjusting to the Second again. Luckily, I didn't have much trouble with the players here getting downcast after coming down the first season."

"They've settled again and I'd like to think if we get back to the First we'll be a better side than the one that was there last year."

In the position the club finds itself in, there's naturally no money available for new players.

In fact, Luton had to sell one of their best players, Peter Anderson, to Belgian side Antwerp to raise a life-saving £70,000.

There's talk that young centre-



We've had people writing to us from all over the world.

"Unfortunately, the attendances are still pretty low but it's only to be expected. Relegation did that and now it's up to us to return again and get the fans back."

Haslam has been seven years at the helm of Luton's fluctuating fortunes. But despite all the troubles of recent months he's never thought about turning his back on it all.

"The day I feel like packing it up I'll go and take up cricket. But I've a feeling that'll be some time yet."

ALAN DURBAN'S TWO GOLDEN RULES



FOOTBALL is a tough, demanding profession when you are a manager; it's a game of exacting standards, too, when you are the side's star player. Add both jobs together and you have the role Alan Durban fills at booming Shrewsbury Town — where he refuses to contemplate the pressure many football experts believe to be ruinous to health and form.

"I've never gone along with all this talk of pressure," says the 34-year-old former Derby County and Wales midfield star. "Pressure is something you create for yourself."

"As a manager, I have a couple of golden rules. The first is not to concern myself with club matters that are none of my business. I am not an administrator. I don't want to know about painting the stand, the filing system or where the new carpet should go."

'Getting Away'

"The other rule is to take time off. The pace some managers set themselves is almost destructive. If I want a break I go and play 18 holes of golf, an hour of squash or enjoy myself with the family. Why not? You do your job all the better by getting away from it for a while."

"As a player, I am guided by one fact only. As long as I enjoy football I'll keep on playing it. When I no longer achieve the standards I set myself, then I won't enjoy playing. That will be the moment to stop."

Many observers closely watching the tactics employed by Durban to launch Shrewsbury into the Second Division for the first time in the club's 70 years history, claim the moment he steps down will be the moment the ambitions fall apart.

"When I retire, nothing will change. Not as long as Sammy Irvine stays at Gay Meadow. He's the finest young midfield prospect I've seen in my life. I just wish I'd had the talent at 19 this lad possesses."

Build A Club

"Make any comparison you like and he comes out tops. For my money, Archie Gemmill is the best midfield player in the game. I was at Derby when Archie came South from Scotland — and Sammy is a better player now than when Archie first came to the Baseball Ground."

From the moment Durban arrived at Shrewsbury, first as player-coach and then as player-manager for the last two years, he has been

committed to building a club which can stand on its own feet. Defender Carlton Leonard, now establishing himself in the first-team, is the first Shropshire-born player to make the grade for several years; and there are others coming through.

Durban made one telling swoop in the West Midlands. He signed strikers Chic Bates and Ray Haywood from Southern League club Stourbridge after these two close friends had harvested goals and taken their club to a shock place in the Welsh Cup Final.

While other managers waited and dithered, Durban marched in and signed them. They have never looked back since and, in their first season in League football scored the goals which brought Shrewsbury an immediate promotion from the Fourth Division.

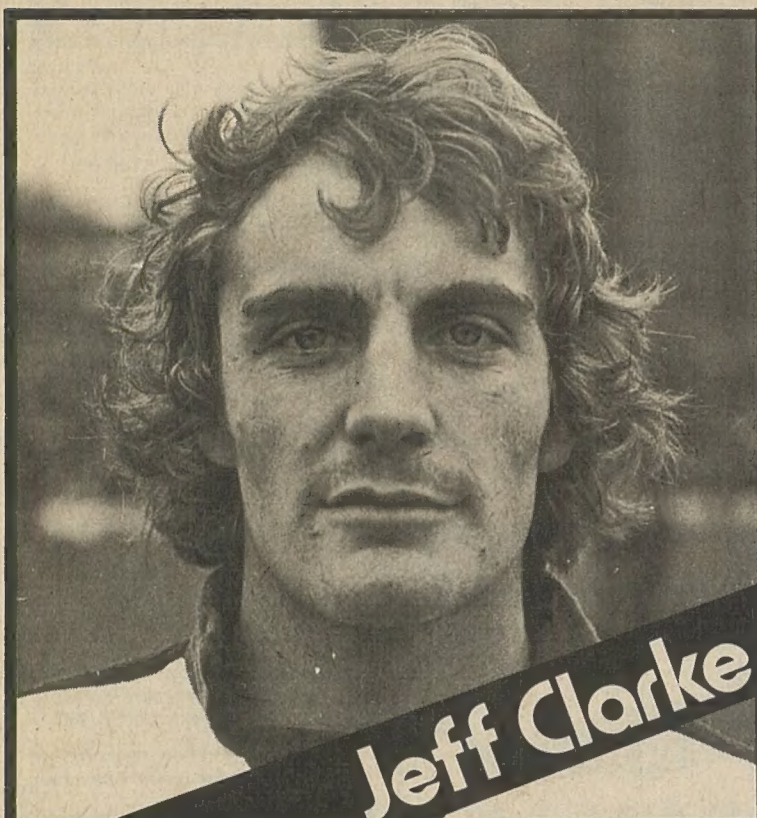
Qualifications

It was some 17 years ago Durban arrived at Cardiff as a fresh-faced schoolboy. At the time, he was debating whether to become a footballer or a County cricketer with Glamorgan.

Trevor Morris, now secretary of the Football Association of Wales but then City's manager, won him to football and noted the string of academic qualifications Durban brought from his Port Talbot school — a fistful of O-levels.

"Signing this lad," said the astute Morris, "is starting a new era . . . the era of the O-level footballer. Alan Durban, and the others like him, will bring fresh thought, new ideas, intelligent approach to the game." It was a prediction that has emerged 100 per cent right.

SUNDERLAND'S PLAYER OF THE SEASON?



JEFF's big ambition is to sample First Division football again, and next time the big Sunderland centre-half is confident he will make a better impression in the top flight than he did during his spell with Manchester City.

"First, Sunderland have to gain promotion," says Jeff. "But when we do, I believe I can profit from the lessons I learned from previous games in Division One, even though most of my football at Maine Road was in the Central League.

"Every time I made a mistake for City's first-team I was punished for it. In the Second Division the forwards are slower to take advantage of defensive errors.

"Also, I soon learned it can be fatal to lose concentration, even for a second, or to think a match is over if your side is leading by a goal or two.

"Only experience can teach you these things, and at City I never had a long enough run in the First Division to smooth out the rough edges of my play. I always felt I would be one of the first to be dropped, which can be very unsettling.

"Here at Sunderland I have been in the first-team since August, and the confidence this gives shows itself in my game."

But Clarke is the first to point out that he must work at improving his defensive skills, mainly his heading and all-round sharpness.

"At Southampton, Mike Channon found chinks in our defence with his probing runs. And Bristol City made us do plenty of chasing against them. Teams like these, and Bolton, can stop you feeling over-confident.

"Along with Sunderland, I fancy Bolton and Bristol City for promotion."

But to make absolutely certain of going up, Sunderland have to collect away points as well as winning at Roker Park and Jeff is as baffled as his manager, Bob Stokoe, at his team's inability to do well away from the North-East.

"We play two entirely different types of game at home and away. On their own grounds, other sides usually go all out to put the pressure on us, which can force us to defend more than we are used to doing at Roker. And although I have tried to find a reason for the big gap between our home and away record I always come back to the fact that we attack at Roker, and get attacked away from it."

Despite his successful season, there is no problem about Jeff keeping his feet firmly fixed on the ground, and he prefers not to speculate on the possibility of winning future Under-23 honours or a full England cap.

"I believe in living for the present. I train conscientiously and if I can keep a regular place in the Sunderland side I am happy. I have always found that things fall into place and sort themselves out, and this applies to football.

"My ambitions are connected to the club, and I do not spend time thinking about playing for England."

At 22, Clarke has the temperament and the build to make a solid reputation for himself in the game, and confirm the views of those Sunderland fans who consider that he is the player of the season at Roker.

ALAN has always been something of a showman. The roar of the crowd; the pace and colour of the game and the glamour of the pro business are all ingredients which have gone to make up the incentive for wingman Groves to pull out all the stops.

Groves is a real character, one of the few orthodox left-wingers in the game, and a man who has a remarkable knack of stirring crowds wherever he plays. Groves is unpredictable, often brilliant, sometimes dull, but always doing something unusual.

But one thing the Oldham wingman hasn't been noted for in recent years, is his consistency. Yet, it's precisely that quality which is making critics sit up and take notice all over the country, from as far apart as Plymouth to Sunderland.

A delighted Groves admits: "Yes, this has been my best season ever in League football. Maybe I'm maturing like wine. I don't know. But I felt at the start of the season it would be my best campaign and that's the way it has turned out. I don't know why I knew that — I improved 75% from 18 months ago.

"I think what makes Harry Gregg such a good manager is the fact that he's a fabulous fellow. I think he's wasted in the job he's got at the moment. He should be at a much better club than Crewe."

Groves admits the motivation he found from John Bond also helped.

"I learned a great deal from him," he says. "I don't really agree with a lot that goes on in the coaching side of the game. But Bond helped me in that field. In a way, I'd have liked to go on to Norwich with him because he's got such a great attacking belief regarding modern-day football."

"But I've been very happy at Oldham. We only just stayed in the Second Division last season and at the beginning of this season, we said we wanted to finish somewhere in the top 10. It looks as though we can do that easily now after some excellent form this year. And next season, I believe we can make a determined bid for promotion."

THE SHOWMAN YOU EITHER LOVE OR HATE

Alan Groves-Oldham

just felt it. I've been at Oldham for two years now and I feel I've benefited greatly from manager Jimmy Frizzell's attitude. He gives me a free role and I can play almost how I want."

Groves' career has had a colourful ring to it ever since he started his League career in his home town, Southport. He went from there to Chester and on to Shrewsbury before Bournemouth manager John Bond signed him for £45,000 to join the then thriving Third Division club. Prior to that, Groves had been a lorry driver and Bond's immortal remark was: "You want to watch him tuck into eggs and bacon when we go on away trips. But he can sure play a bit, this lad."

Biggest Influence

"Play a bit" he certainly can, and he's proved this season he's become a much better player. Certainly, the influence of modern-day managerial thinking in the minds of men like John Bond and Frizzell has helped Groves' improve. But Groves himself, although recognising the part those two managers have played, believes Crewe boss Harry Gregg had the biggest influence on his career.

"When I was at Shrewsbury under Gregg, I learned all about football," he says. "I only really started to play when I went there from Chester. He bought me for £3,000 and sold me for £45,000 so he must have done something with



And I think the next four years could be the best of my whole career as I'm now 26. During that time I reckon I can make the biggest impact on my career to date."

Groves has always been a player to excite crowds, no matter where he plays. Crowds seem to love him or hate him. But they're never merely indifferent to Oldham's most famous player.

SCORE A SOCCER CENTURY

SPOT-KINGS

On Saturday, February 28th, the following players all scored from penalties in England and Scotland. Can you name the clubs for which they were spot-on?

(Award five points for each correct answer.)



1. Terry Curran
2. Barry Salvage (above)
3. Bobby Doyle
4. Dixie Deans

MAX. TOTAL	YOUR TOTAL
20	5 10

1. Nottingham Forest. 2. Millwall. 3. Barnsley. 4. Celtic.

P.F.A.

Tottenham's Pat Jennings was voted the Professional Footballers' Association's Player of the Year recently. Can you name the other five stars on the short-list?

(Award four points for each correct answer.)

MAX. TOTAL	YOUR TOTAL
20	4 4

1. Lou Macari (Manchester United). 2. Kevin Keegan (Liverpool). 3. Don Masson (Q.P.R.). 4. Archie Gemmill (Derby). 5. Duncan McKenzie (Leeds United).

Tackle this quiz, section by section, checking your answers with those printed upside down beneath each section. Award yourself the number of points indicated for each question and write your scores in the boxes. Then add up your scores and see how close you are to the maximum total of 100.

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TRUE or FALSE

(Award four points for each correct answer.)

1. Jimmy Greaves was a member of the Spurs League Championship and F.A. Cup "Double" winning side.
2. Scottish Premier League club, Hibernian, were the first British side to take part in the European Cup in 1955-56.
3. Stuart Pearson joined Manchester United from Huddersfield in 1974.

4. You cannot score a goal directly from a corner.
5. The official nickname of West Brom is The Throistles.

MAX. TOTAL	YOUR TOTAL
20	20 12

1. False. 2. True. 3. False (he moved from Hull City). 4. False. 5. True.

BURNLEY

(Award four points for each correct answer.)



Read the clues and see if you can answer the following questions about Burnley.

1. Burnley were last promoted from the Second Division in 1970-71, 1971-72 or 1972-73?
2. The Clarets have won the F.A. Cup on how many occasions?
3. The Turf Moor club have had seven managers since the last War. Cliff Britton, Frank Hill, Alan Brown, Billy Dougall, Jimmy Adamson and Joe Brown are six ... can you name the other one?
4. Burnley's Doug Collins (left) is a former Gillingham or Grimsby player?
5. Burnley were previously known as Burnley City or Rovers?

MAX. TOTAL	YOUR TOTAL
20	4 4

1. 1972-73. 2. Once (in 1913-14). 3. Harry Potts. 4. Grimsby. 5. Rovers.

L.C.FINAL

The 1976 League Cup Final was played between Manchester City and Newcastle recently. See if you can answer the following questions regarding the Wembley game.

(Award four points for each correct answer.)

1. Peter Barnes scored City's first goal in the 10th, 20th or 30th minute?
2. Alan Gowling or Malcolm MacDonald equalised for Newcastle?
3. Dennis Tueart scored the winner for Tony Book's men with a spectacular overhead kick or a diving header?
4. A new Wembley record was set ... do you know what it was?
5. Can you name the two captains?

MAX. TOTAL	YOUR TOTAL
20	20 8

1. 10th. 2. Alan Gowling. 3. Overhead kick. 4. Record gate receipts of £301,000. 5. Mike Doyle - City and Tommy Craig - United.

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'I'M PARTLY TO BLAME FOR OUR LACK OF SUCCESS'

says Coventry City's

TOMMY HUTCHISON

COVENTRY City's Scottish international Tommy Hutchison, a man who has won 16 caps for his country, has had a season learning to adapt to the other, less glamorous and less successful side of the professional game.

Hutchison, who was involved in all the success and limelight of the 1974 Scottish World Cup squad, hasn't been enjoying much success on the club front at Highfield Road this season. And Coventry's struggles to find the right blend in an ever-increasingly tougher First Division, have meant Hutchison has been learning to adapt to another side of football.

Hutchison has been at Highfield Road three years and he admits: "I'm disappointed Coventry haven't won anything since I've been here. I wouldn't be honest if I didn't say that and my main ambition is still to win something with them.

Power And Money

"What has been hard about this season is adapting to the fact we are in a transitional stage. The League is as hard as ever these days and you need a squad of the power of Liverpool or a club with the money Derby seem to have, to stay right up near the top. Unfortunately, Coventry don't have either of those things and therefore they have to exist on a much smaller, less glamorous scale.

"I admit it's hard to find the motivation when you don't rival the power of sides like those two. It means you end up playing virtually half a season because unless you're extremely fortunate in the draw for one of the Cup competitions, you only have the League. And in the last few years, we haven't really been anywhere near to winning it. It's difficult because as a player, you cannot settle for just turning on your form at the beginning of the season and dismissing anything after the end of January as not worthwhile. But it is most difficult finding the motivation."

Hutchison's honesty reveals another, less dramatic side to the world of professional football. As the leading lights prepare for the final, drama-filled battle for the League title or promotion places and others prepare themselves for the last two Rounds of the glamorous Cup, less fortunate players are treading the daily routine with no such hope of success.

"The thing is, it's so easy to let your game slip and lose all your form," says Hutchison. "So what you have to do is to go out there and try and forget all about the poor League position or the fact you're out of both Cups. It's an old story that you cannot dwell on past successes or failures. If you do that, you're finished.

"It's not easy to forget those events but you have to do it. For me, there is probably more pressure from the point of view I have to set an example to the youngsters. If you are a senior player and the kids see you aren't trying and disinterested, you cannot expect them to be keen. So a lot depends on you to keep trying."

Hutchison is disappointed Coventry have had to sell so many of their better players, to keep their finances in order. "I suppose it's a necessary exercise but when I first came to Highfield Road there were a great deal of good players. But they've just dwindled away because as soon as another club bid for them, they were sold.

Old Failing

"It's hard to understand, though, why we haven't done better in the last three or four seasons. Some teams we play really well against and we have beaten all the good teams from time to time. But we seem to struggle against lesser opposition and our old failing of not scoring enough goals is a big reason for the disappointments. I think the success of any side must be put down to their midfield players and I admit I haven't done all my work that well in recent times.

"A midfield player not only helps create goals but must also score them if his side is to do well. A player like Bruce Rioch is invaluable

to Derby, not only because he makes goals but because last term he scored 20 goals himself. That's a real bonus and takes a lot of the pressure off the front-runners.

"But I scored only four goals all last season and I've grabbed just one so far this term. That's ridiculous. I think I've probably rushed at a lot of the chances and wasted them, but I work hard at trying to overcome my weakness through the week in training, without getting the right results on Saturday. I don't seem to have the real knack of getting into the right positions and sticking them in. And it's become frustrating, especially as the side is short on goals."

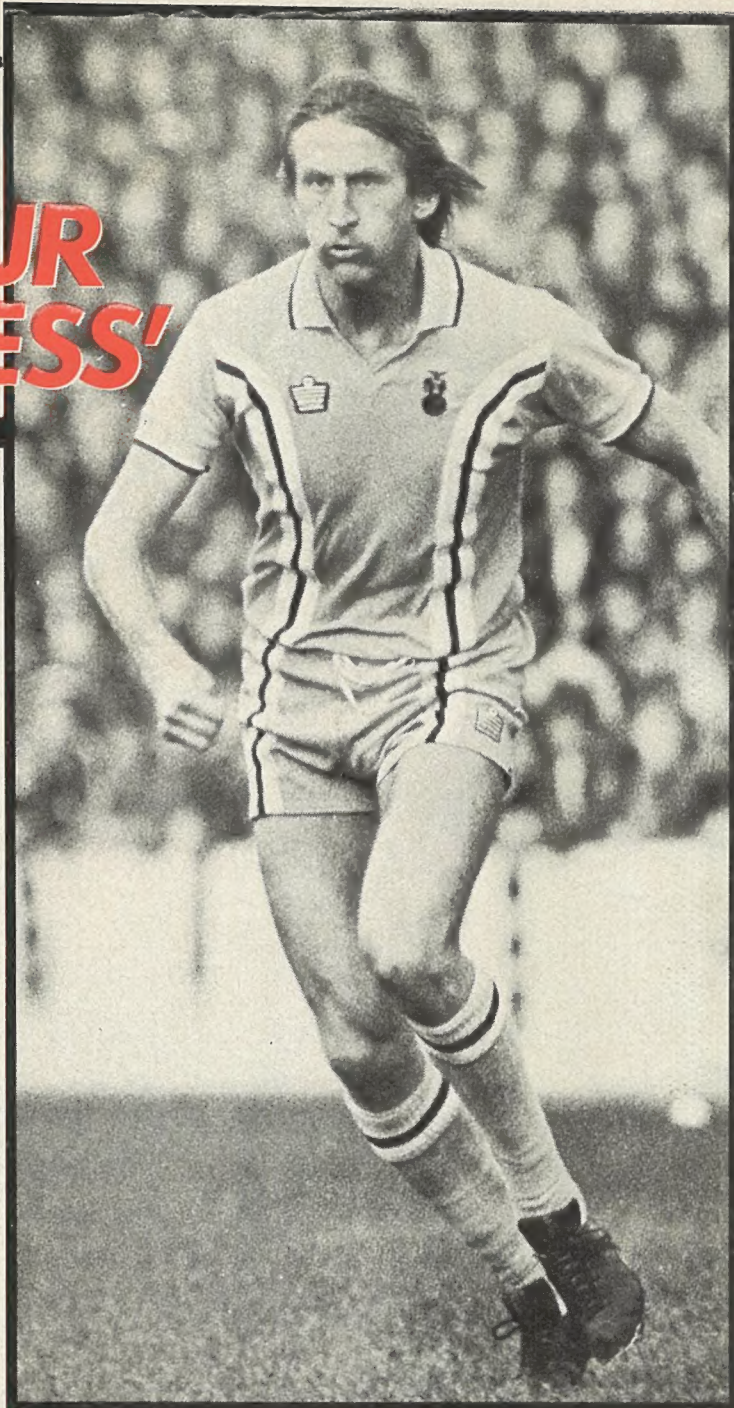
Hutchison's long, rangy stride and brilliant dribbling ability — even at speed — did a lot to win him his 16 caps. And he is still considered by many coaches as still good enough to play for Scotland. How does Hutchison regard his interna-

tional chances of the future?

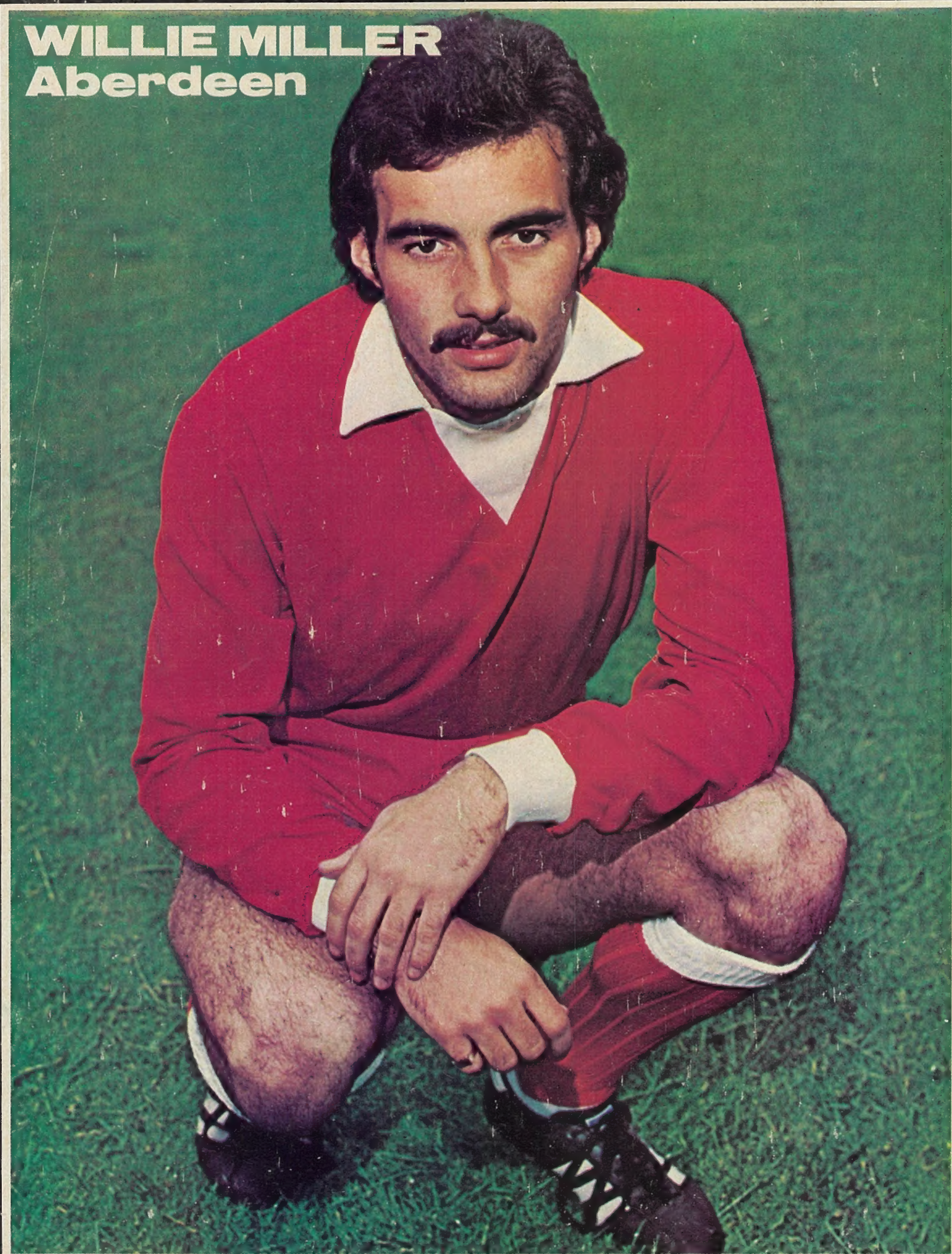
"I don't worry about it at all," he says. "It doesn't bother me because if I do play, that's nice. If I don't, I don't and that's all there is to it. There is no point in sitting around waiting for a letter or a 'phone call from Willie Ormond.

"I'm 28 now and I'd just like to win something. I'm not interested in management so when I finish playing, that's it. But I don't know what I'll do except to say, I'll stay in England. I wouldn't go back to Scotland. I've become too used to England. I've settled down well here and I like it. I only wish I could taste a little more success at club level and that would provide the perfect climax to my career."

Hutchison's skill and class is a vital ingredient of the Coventry side. What Joe Mercer and Gordon Milne must now aim for is to produce some equally talented youngsters to lift Coventry into the top bracket.



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